

Re: Updates - Trucker Convoy

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The city of Ottawa will be releasing the below this evening:

For immediate release
January 30, 2022

Continued traffic and downtown service impacts on Monday

Ottawa – The City advises residents to plan ahead for traffic and service impacts on Monday, January 31. Demonstrations are expected to become smaller after today, however it will take some time to clear vehicles from the downtown core, which Ottawa Police Services have started to do today.

Residents are advised to avoid non-essential travel, especially in the downtown core.

The following services will see delays and cancellations:

Children's services

St. Luke's Child Care Centre and Centre éducatif Pinocchio will be closed. Parents and guardians are being notified directly.

Ottawa Public Library branches

The [Ottawa Public Library's](#) Main and Rideau branches will be closed.

Waste and recycling collection

At this time, the City is not anticipating an impact to residential waste collection. However, staff will be monitoring the situation and will communicate any necessary changes. Street-side receptacles and litter are being addressed where access permits.

City Hall

Ottawa City Hall and its amenities will remain closed for public access due to City Hall's location close to the areas most affected by traffic congestion.

These amenities include:

- * Rink of Dreams
- * Underground municipal parking lot

Traffic impacts

Many roadways and highways across the city will experience traffic delays and disruptions. In addition, details may change on short notice and additional roads may be affected. Residents can continue to check our online [traffic map](#) for up-to-date information on traffic delays and disruptions due to the demonstrations.

Impacts on OC Transpo

All bus routes with service downtown are expected to remain on detour into Monday, until service can be reliably returned to downtown streets. Stay up to date on the latest transit information by visiting octranspo.com/alerts, calling 613-560-5000 or following [OC Transpo's Twitter account](#).

For more information on City programs and services, visit ottawa.ca, call 3-1-1 (TTY: 613-580-2401) or 613-580-2400 to contact the City using Canada Video Relay Service. You can also connect with us through [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

Sent from my iPhone

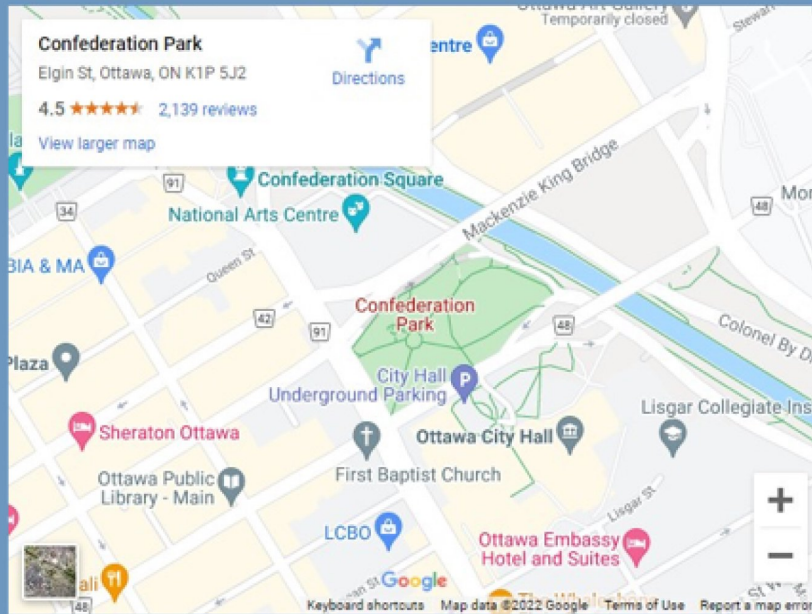
On Jan 30, 2022, at 6:03 PM, Power, Mary-Liz <Mary-Liz.Power@pmo-cpm.gc.ca> wrote:

Flagging:

Canada Unity, one of the groups supporting the truckers convoy, plans a rally tomorrow in Ottawa followed by a maskless shopping trip, calling for 1,000 protesters to attend a nearby mall (likely the Rideau Centre).

Come to [CONFEDERATION PARK](#) (click to load Google Maps) for activities and speeches starting Monday Jan 31st.

We will be hosting multiple events, due to the amount of people here and things like the weather, the events of the day will be selected from, but not limited to, the list below. If you have an idea for a fun activity that is not included in this list, please speak to a coordinator to have it arranged. Please keep in mind that EVERYTHING we do, we are always lawful, peaceful and loving. Violence of ANY sort is unacceptable!



Maskless Shopping

We need about 1000 people... maybe more lol

Then we go to a shopping center, and shop WITHOUT MASKS

We will bring Business Packages to empower our Canadian businesses to stand with us

On Jan 30, 2022, at 4:27 PM, Power, Mary-Liz <Mary-Liz.Power@pmo-cpm.gc.ca> wrote:

UPDATE #35

- Approximately **800-1000** individuals are gathered on and around Parliament Hill;
- Most Demonstrators are near stage area (Back of a truck on Wellington)
- Demonstrators are dispersing from the main area, throughout the downtown core

Corner of Metcalfe and Wellington:



View of the traffic on Elgin Street, North:



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On Jan 30, 2022, at 2:36 PM, Power, Mary-Liz <Mary-Liz.Power@pmo-cpm.gc.ca> wrote:

UPDATE #33

- Approximately 2500-3500 individuals are gathered on and around Parliament Hill;

Corner of Metcalfe and Wellington:



View of the traffic on Elgin Street, North:



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UPDATE #32

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· Approximately 1500-2500 individuals are gathered on and around Parliament Hill;

Corner of Metcalfe and Wellington:



View of the traffic on Elgin Street, North:



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Hi there,

[Next update from the crisis management center:](#)

Updates in bold

Colleagues,

For your situational awareness, we would like to convey to you the following information and findings for the upcoming Canada Unity Convoy 2022 demonstration against vaccine mandates planned for January 29th, 2022. Please see the below information gathered from our partners & the Crisis Management Cell's Open Source Intelligence.

- **Key Points:**

- **Details on Demonstrations**

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- There were close to 8,000 people on Parliament Hill at its peak yesterday.
- The Majority of the crowd had dispersed by the early evening of 29 Jan.
- Individual actions overnight on 29-30 Jan resulted in broken windows to a City of Ottawa heavy vehicle.
- A news conference is scheduled at an undisclosed location in Ottawa with protest leaders at 13:00 EDT, 30 Jan.
- **Planned Activities on Parliament Hill on 30 Jan include a religious service, planned marches from Nicholas /Zibi at 11:00 EDT (likely delayed) and an address from Maxime Bernier at 12:00 EDT. Also, a potential for a press conference by organizers, no confirmed time.**
- **Some small convoys are still coming into the City.**
- Currently there are approximately 150-200 people on Parliament Hill, and foot traffic in the vicinity (front of Wellington) totals approximately 200-250 people.
- Vehicular traffic in the city core is still highly congested.
- There have not been any reports of impacts to CI or federal buildings.
- A NOTAM has been issued with an airspace restriction over downtown Ottawa extending from Victoria Island to New Edinburgh, including the Byward Market, Lowertown and over the Ottawa River, to include a section of downtown Hull/Gatineau.
- A number of protesters have now convened in downtown Ottawa.
- CBC reported that PM Trudeau had left Rideau Cottage for an undisclosed location.
 - OPS is anticipating the planned march of a large crowd across the Portage bridge around 13:00 EST.
 - The Parliamentary Protective Service expects as many as 10,000 protesters to be in attendance on 29 Jan.
 - The Protest is currently peaceful and demonstrators are cooperating with local officials.
- For near-real time updates on the city of Ottawa road closures and traffic updates, please refer to [Traffic.Ottawa.ca](https://www.trafficottawa.ca) and updates on @Ottawa_Traffic and @Ottawa_Circule.
- In solidarity of the main convoy, demonstrations may take place at Federal buildings across Canada : Victoria, Legislative Assembly, Vancouver, Canada Place, Calgary, Prince Island Park, Edmonton, Legislature building, Regina, Legislative building, Winnipeg, The Forks, Toronto, Union Station, Montreal, Place des arts, Moncton, Riverfront Park, St John's, Harbourside Park.
- There are 500 trucks confirmed in the state of Maine as participating on the US side of the border and 300 trucks confirmed in NB to be participating on the highway 95, along with several personal vehicles.

Commercial trucks are expected to block highway 95 while passenger vehicles are expected to block highway 555 from Beardsley Road. Transport trucks and individuals will arrive in Ottawa between 28-29 Jan.

- The convoy event could possibly pose a threat to the physical security of the Parliamentary Precinct and is likely to cause significant disruption to Parliamentary operations.
- Closely-related groups have demonstrated interest in gaining access to Precinct buildings. Partners have identified promotional content edited to include "Storm Parliament at 1:30." Engagement with this rhetoric is currently unknown, but organizational factors may contribute to unpredictable and suggestible crowd behavior.
- The subject matter and circumstances of the demonstration are likely to attract individuals predisposed to ideologically motivated violent extremist (IMVE) action.
- As part of the protest, Canada Unity plans to present a request (MOU) to the Governor General and Senate for the removal of various COVID19 related Public Health Order restrictions.

National Capital Region:

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- **OPS is reiterating that people should not come into the core unless it is necessary.**
- **For residents and businesses in the core, police are working to mitigate the impacts of the demonstration, such as gridlock and parked vehicles.**
- The following road closures in the NCR were in place as of 14:30 EDT, **29 Jan:**
 - o The Sir John A Macdonald parkway (both between Booth and Carling and between Island Park and Booth);
 - o Highway 417 at White Lake (between White Lake (Antrim Truck Stop) to the Madawaska River Bridge), the on-ramp at Highway 416, at Richmond/Bayshore Drive, at Kent, at Metcalfe and reduction at Greenbank southbound;
 - o MacKenzie King Bridge westbound is closed between Waller and Elgin;
 - o Kent northbound is closed between Queen and Wellington;
 - o Laurier eastbound is reduced to one lane between Elgin and Nicholas;
 - o The southbound lanes on the Portage Bridge are closed;
 - o The southbound lanes on the Chaudière Crossing are closed;

- o Vanier Parkway northbound is closed at Coventry; and
 - o The MacDonald-Cartier bridge will be closed in an effort to divert the QC convoys away from the downtown core and into Gatineau.
- PSPC has engaged with its parliamentary partners, as well as the Parliamentary Protective Services, Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Ottawa Police Services
 - o 24/7 building personnel and commissionaires are to be positioned on site. Contingency plans are in place to ensure that they can respond to any damage / vandalism etc.
 - o PSPC is working in close collaboration with the Parliamentary Protective Service to coordinate activities specific to the parliamentary precinct, such as providing barricades and access to infrastructure as required during the event.
 - o Construction activities, including the Centre Block Rehabilitation Program, will be shut down from Friday to Sunday, with the possibility of extension to Monday based on the evolution of the event through the weekend.
 - o As a precautionary measure, and following recommendations from security partners, PSPC has authorized the lock down of all buildings under its control (100 Wellington, National Press Building, etc.). Access for essential building occupants will be maintained at all times.
 - o The Parliamentary Precinct Security Operations Center (SOC) will remain operational throughout the event and liaise closely between police, security personnel and PSPC stakeholders as required.
- Minto Properties received confirmation that individuals started to enter office buildings in the downtown core and some caused damages. As a result, Minto Place has locked down 180 Kent Street. All entrance doors will be locked (weekend mode) and security will be at each entrance to monitor access to and from the Complex.
- Toronto Police Services are sending resources to Ottawa to assist with The Freedom Convoy in Ottawa.
- For information on planned traffic routes, please refer to the following webmap: [Link to webmap](#).

- o For real time updates on the city of Ottawa road closures, please refer to the city of Ottawa website as well as the Twitter feed for the City of Ottawa Police.
- Ottawa Police Service are managing rolling closures at this time in order to manage traffic.
- Ottawa police are planning for around 1,000 to 2,000 vehicles, while also noting the Freedom Convoy has so far been peaceful and cooperative with police and city officials in other jurisdictions.
- For road/bridge closures and Convoy redirections, please see below:
 - o Convoy arriving from the west on the 417 will be directed to Sir John A MacDonald Parkway from the Pinecrest exit. Following this, Kent and Metcalfe exits will be used with vehicles directed to O'Connor as well. Demonstrators heading to 24 Sussex will be directed to take the Montreal exit to George Etienne parkway.
 - o The convoy arriving from the east on the 417 will have access to the George Etienne parkway via aviation parkway. They will then continue on to King Edward then Rideau to access the downtown core.
 - o Wellington will be closed between Metcalfe and Lion with 3 lanes dedicated to the demonstration and the 4th lane for emergency vehicles.
 - o Near Vanier, old Jetform park will be used to park trucks and passenger vehicles with cabs and LRT available for demonstrators to get downtown.
 - o The trucks will be parked in the curb lane or at staging areas.
 - o Please see the following for bridge closures:
 - § MacDonald Cartier bridge is being closed (1 lane in each direction) due to weight.
 - § Gatineau Police will be closing the Alexandria Bridge as of 18:00hrs this evening.
 - o The following road closures in the NCR were in place as of 11:00 EDT:
 - § All lanes are closed at the Highway 417 eastbound on-ramp at Richmond /Bayshore Drive;

- § Wellington westbound is reduced to one lane between Elgin and O'Connor;
 - § The right lane and shoulder are closed at the Highway 417 eastbound on-ramp at Highway 416;
 - § Elgin is reduced to two lanes in each direction between Wellington and Laurier due to preparations for the demonstration, and
 - § Laurier is reduced to 1 lane in each direction between Elgin and Nicholas due to preparations for demonstration.
- When they arrive in Ottawa, convoy participants plan to conduct the following activities:
 - o Protesting outside of 24 Sussex (some participants have pointed out that PM Trudeau does not live at this address, but this does not seem to have changed the plans);
 - o Blocking bridges and slowing down traffic generally;
 - o Going shopping without masks;
 - o Protesting outside CBC News at 181 Queen St (it is important to note that there are House of Commons offices located in this building); and
 - o Generally protesting around and on Parliament Hill, including the Senate building.
 - During their overnight stays, convoy participants will stay at various hotels. Currently, it is not clear what Freedom Convoy 2022's plans are regarding overnight stay and parking while in the Ottawa area.

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Good morning,
UPDATE #29

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- Approximately 50 individuals are gathered on and around Parliament Hill;
- Individual actions overnight resulted in broken windows to a City of Ottawa heavy vehicle and the paramedics displaced within the downtown core for their safety (This information has been reported by Intersect this morning)
- Police resources will be re-deployed so as to maintain public safety
- The Alexandria and Portage bridges are closed coming in to the City
- Currently there are very few people on Parliament Hill but foot traffic in front of Wellington is picking up again

· **Planned activities on Parliament Hill today that we are aware of include:**

o Religious service at 10:00

o Maxime Bernier at 12:00

Corner of Metcalfe and Wellington:



View of the traffic on Elgin Street, North:

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Convoy's Go Fund Me page has been updated with the below schedule for tomorrow:

Sunday Itinerary: Freedom Convoy Canada

11:00 - Prayer for Unity Service held by Mennonite Pastor Henry Hildebrandt. All religious denominations welcome. Join Us.
Location: Parliament Hill

13:00 - 1st Press Conference.
Location: Undisclosed (Live Stream)

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The latest GOC sitrep is below. This will likely be the last update for the evening unless there are further significant developments.

Just one flag – within the last hour or so, the RCMP have reported a significant drop in protestors. **Latest Data (estimates): 2,949+ vehicles and 3,000 + demonstrators**

As mentioned in the GOC update, our office received and approved a request for federal assistance from Ontario earlier today. The RFA allows Ottawa Police to make use of a parking lot owned by the CAF – no CAF resources aside from access to the land is provided. As it pertains to police operations, there are no communications planned around this RFA at this time.

New information in bold as of 16:00 EDT

For information on planned traffic routes, please refer to the following webmap: [Link to webmap](#)

For near-real time updates on the city of Ottawa road closures and traffic updates, please refer to [Traffic.Ottawa.ca](#) and updates on @Ottawa_Traffic and @Ottawa_Circule.

Overview

- Effective 15 Jan, COVID-19 vaccination became mandatory for all truckers entering Canada from the United States to avoid a two-week quarantine and a negative COVID-19 test before arrival.
- Similarly, beginning on 22 Jan, U.S. DHS began requiring non-U.S. individuals seeking to enter the United States via land ports of entry and ferry terminals at the U.S.- Mexico and U.S.- Canada borders to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and provide related proof of vaccination, as COVID-19 cases continue to rise nationwide. These new restrictions will apply to non-U.S. individuals who are traveling for both essential and non-essential reasons. They will not apply to U.S. citizens, Lawful Permanent Residents, or U.S. nationals.” [Link](#)

Key Points

Details on Demonstrations

- **As of 14:30 EDT, there were approximately 6,000-7,000 people on Parliament Hill and the crowd was growing. People were coming from Gatineau from across the Alexandra Bridge.**
- **Thousands of people are also walking in clockwise circuit around Parliament Hill, to the Museum of History, and back.**
- CBC reported that PM Trudeau had left Rideau Cottage for an undisclosed location. [Link](#)
- The Parliamentary Protective Service expects as many as 10,000 protesters to be in attendance on 29 Jan. [Link](#)
- The OPS indicated that as of 11:55 convoys (3000+ vehicles) were arriving from the west, south, east. It was expected to take three hours for the entire convoy to reach the city centre.
 - o **The West convoy has arrived and entering Ottawa on the Pinecrest exit off Highway 417, there is a 20km backup on the 417.**

- o **The East convoy continues to arrive at the Aviation Parkway with a 30km backup on the 417.**
 - o **All convoys on Highway 416 have arrived in downtown Ottawa.**
- Rideau center has closed due to individuals not following public health protocols.
- **There have not been any reports of impacts to CI or federal buildings.**
- **A NOTAM has been issued with an airspace restriction over downtown Ottawa extending from Victoria Island to New Edinburgh, including the Byward Market, Lowertown and over the Ottawa River, to include a section of downtown Hull/Gatineau.**
- Additional demonstrations being planned across Canada.
 - o “Slow roll” convoys at provincial and Canada/U.S. border crossing are planned over the weekend. [Link](#)
 - o **NS has issued a highway blockade ban, prohibiting partial or complete blockades on all the roads in the province ahead of demonstrations on 29 Jan.** [Link](#)
 - o **In Windsor, ON, more than 200 vehicles met at Mic Mac Park on the morning of 29 Jan to take part in a slow roll cruise on Huron Church Road to Highway 401.** [Link](#)
 - o **Two convoys were scheduled to roll into Regina on 29 Jan for a rally in front of the Saskatchewan Legislative Building. One group of vehicles met in Saskatoon and headed down Highway 11, while another met outside Regina at the Global Transportation Hub before making their way into the city. The first vehicles started to enter Regina around 11:30 EDT.** [Link](#)
 - o Demonstrations may take place at Federal buildings across Canada.

Situation at the border

- **On 29 Jan, at 08:00 EDT, the Atlantic Region Operations Centre (ROC) was activated by the Regional Director General due to planned protests and blockades at the Woodstock POE and in the St. Stephen’s Area.**
- **Ambassador Bridge, Windsor, ON, as of 12:00 EDT, approximately 100 vehicles were driving down Huron Church Road, however it is not impacting border traffic at this time. There were approximately 40 cars protesting on the US side and their protest was not impeding operations.**
- **In Carway, AB, as of 11:45 EDT, a small group of about 20 vehicles were parked at the Duty Free Store north of the POE. The vehicles arrived honking horns, however none were blocking the highway. Everything remains peaceful and the protest was not affecting CBSA Operations.**

- In Coutts, AB, as of 1015 CT, an estimated 1,000 conveyance convoy, stretching 50km long, was approximately 15km north of the POE. RCMP staged vehicles at the POE, ready for the arrival.
- As of 07:02 EDT, the Emerson, MB POE reported approximately 100 commercial and other vehicles assembled north of the POE. One lane on Highway 75 remained open for vehicles to pass southbound and some vehicles were seen using the turnaround lane prior to the POE to loop and go Northbound. As of 07:57 EDT, the convoy was in full swing with traffic slowly rolling.

Preparedness and Response efforts

- NCRCC has confirmed that anyone needing to get to work from Quebec (first responders, police, health care workers) can show their work ID/badge at the Chaudière Bridge and then access to Ottawa through Booth St.
- Minister Mendicino stated that Ottawa's police officers will be supported by other police and national security forces. [Link](#)
- On 29 Jan, The Solicitor General of ON submitted a Request for Federal Assistance (RFA) to support the OPS with the use of a CAF facility (parking lot at the Cartier Square Drill Hall on Queen Elizabeth Drive). Later on 29 Jan, MEP in consultation with MND, approved the RFA.
- The following road closures in the NCR were in place as of 14:30 EDT, 29 Jan:
 - The Sir John A Macdonald parkway (both between Booth and Carling and between Island Park and Booth);
 - Highway 417 at White Lake (between White Lake (Antrim Truck Stop) to the Madawaska River Bridge), the on-ramp at Highway 416, at Richmond/Bayshore Drive, at Kent, at Metcalfe and reduction at Greenbank southbound;
 - MacKenzie King Bridge westbound is closed between Waller and Elgin;
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 - Laurier eastbound is reduced to one lane between Elgin and Nicholas;
 - The southbound lanes on the Portage Bridge are closed;
 - The southbound lanes on the Chaudière Crossing are closed;
 - Vanier Parkway northbound is closed at Coventry; and
 - The MacDonald-Cartier bridge will be closed in an effort to divert the QC convoys away from the downtown core and into Gatineau.

Overall Assessment: (derived from information available on open sources):

- The majority of the event has been peaceful thus far.
- Vehicles are being redirected away from the core to mitigate road safety. OPS is asking that people do not come into the core unless it is necessary.
- Since most government employees are working remotely, the disruption to government activities is so far minor.
- Demonstrators are expected to stay throughout the weekend, although there is currently no known end time for the demonstrations.

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Ottawa Police have published the below news release:

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Saturday, January 29, 2022 2:15pm

Update on Weekend Demonstrations

(Ottawa) – A large police and emergency services presence continues in downtown Ottawa to ensure the safety of residents, businesses, and participants during this weekend’s demonstration.

Large crowds have gathered in the area of Parliament Hill as well as heavy trucks and passenger vehicles. Police are making adjustments to manage the changing nature of the demonstration. A crowd/vehicle estimate will be provided at the end of the demonstrations.

Vehicles are being redirected away from the core to mitigate road safety. We are once again asking that people do not come into the core unless it is necessary.

We are aware this demonstration is having a significant impact on local residents and businesses – we are working to mitigate these concerns.

The police response includes officers from RCMP, Toronto, Durham, London, York police service as well as the and OPP. Police resources are in place and will remain throughout the demonstration. At this time, the crowds are peaceful and there are no major incidents to report.

Police are working to maintain emergency lanes and any other places that police need to keep clear for public safety. We have and will continue to tow vehicles that obstruct these areas.

Several vehicles parked at the National War Memorial this morning and were immediately towed. Cars are not allowed to park and people will not be allowed to desecrate the Memorial.

Parking along 400 series highways and on/off ramps is prohibited and dangerous – vehicles parking on the ramps will be towed. Pedestrians are not permitted on highways at any time – people walking on the highways will be removed and may face charges. Parking and walking on overpasses create traffic safety risks - exercise caution and allow traffic to pass safely passing vehicles.

This event is having a substantial impact on traffic throughout the downtown area, highways and major arteries. Traffic in the downtown area has been severely impacted.

Do not travel in the downtown core.

We urge everyone to report threats or hate motivated incidents when they happen. If you see something suspicious, call police immediately at 613-236-1222.

Police and the City of Ottawa will keep the public informed on city-wide traffic and transit. Follow the city's traffic management tool @Ottawa_Traffic for real-time updates or use a traffic monitoring app like Google or Waze to check for traffic congestion before you travel.

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RCMP is currently reporting about 5000 people on the hill, showing some disconnect with what's being reported by the GOC.

Latest RCMP update:

Event Overview:

Latest Data (estimates): 2,949+ vehicles and 5,800 + demonstrators
(additions/updates to data in red)

o **Currently downtown: 500 vehicles + 5000 demonstrators**

§ Approximately 5000 people on Parliament Hill

- Crowds remain peaceful.

o **Currently in the City- Jet Form Park: 55 vehicles**

o **Arriving today: 2,394 vehicles + unknown vehicles (US-QC) +5,600 demonstrators**

§ 534 vehicles (West convoy has departed from Arnprior, ON)

- Hwy 417 currently gridlocked all the way to Arnprior, ON. Reports of debris (nails) thrown onto the highway.

§ 850 vehicles, includes those from New Brunswick and Quebec (inclusive of East convoy and SQ data), have arrived in Vankleek Hill, ON and will depart today with an Ottawa arrival time of 1200hrs.

- QC convoy splitting into two groups, one on Hwy 148 and one on Hwy 50.
- Debris (nails) thrown on Hwy 50 in Lachute, QC area. Causing traffic jam, as efforts are made to clean this up.

§ Port Hope Convoy is enroute to the NCR, approximately 600 vehicles (assumption is that this also includes the vehicles reported earlier from the Oshawa/Peterborough convoy). Convoy's arrival delayed, due to a collision involving injuries.

§ Convoy of 40 mixed vehicles, traveling from La Peche, QC

§ Convoy of 100 vehicles travelling from Brighton, ON.

§ Cornwall RCMP reporting that they are starting to see convoys, approximately 250 vehicles and several trucks. **Departed at 1000hrs.**

§ QC-US Border Convoy, details unknown, will be joining East Convoy in Vankleek Hill, ON.

- 2 school buses have departed Magog, QC, currently approaching Bromont, QC.
- Jonquiere, QC convoy has departed with approximately 20 vehicles.

§ Actions Pacifique expecting 5000 demonstrators to cross from Gatineau side to NCR, planning to park on the Gatineau side and travel by foot into the Ottawa area at 1330hrs.

§ Large number of people crossing Alexandria Bridge on foot. Not forming into a group at this time.

§ Unknown number of demonstrators can be expected from the NCR

- Go Fund Me page is now at over \$8M.

Communications:

- National Division Communications reached out to OPS to inquire about whether or not they had any media briefings planned for today. At this time, no briefings are planned. OPS did indicate that they are providing a few key one-on-one media interviews, that will be done by their MRO, which includes CFRA Live @1335hrs, CBC TV/Zoom @1430 and RC Radio Live @1455. OPS is also planning on issuing a news release at 1400hrs and will be sharing it with us shortly.

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Subject: RE: Updates - Trucker Convoy

Hi there,

Please see the latest updates below, including one from the GOC, the CBSA and from the Canadian Truckers Alliance:

GOC:

UPDATE #15

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- **Approximately 25000 people are gathered on the parliament hill grounds.**
- Approximately 1000-1200 individuals along Wellington street and sidewalks.
- Convoys (3000+ vehicles) are currently arriving from the West, South, East and from the Quebec side. They will be rolling into the city between now and 3hrs;
- Large Group coming from Rideau towards the Hill;

- March from Gatineau to Ottawa is expected to start around 1:30 p.m., today, January 29;
- The demonstration remains peaceful;
- Wellington street is closed between Bank and Metcalfe with two lanes open for emergency vehicles;
- Wellington Street is still being used by demonstrators as a make-shift parking area for vehicles (Between O'Connor and Metcalfe);
- Ottawa Police is maintaining a high presence in the area;
- Traffic flow is light on surrounding streets;
- Alexandra bridge is now closed to motorists.

Corner of Metcalfe and Wellington:



View of the traffic on Elgin Street, North:



CBSA:

I can advise that we have had our 1st intercept of travellers due to our enhanced vigilance regarding protestors. At Lansdowne POE two subjects appeared at primary claiming to be independent journalist travelling to Ottawa to report on the "Freedom Convoy 2020". They are currently in secondary inspection. Another 2 cases are currently underway in BC.

SUMMARY:

- First cases of protestors being intercepted for additional questions at the border for entry in ON and BC
- Some activity unfolding of slow rolls and in-canada protestors arriving on site at POEs
- Biggest event so far is Coutts with an estimated 1,000 conveyances stretching 50km long heading southbound, approx 15 km north of the POE
- No operational impacts or wait times nationally
- High state of readiness nationally

ATL:

- ROC stood up due to major snow storm developing

- Woodstock POE: light snowfall began with increasing speed, first 5 private vehicles arrived at POE blocking one of the southbound lanes leading to US / more have been seen en route towards the POE / no commercial vehicles yet / one media on Cdn side taking photos / Currently there are no commercial vehicles present as part of the convoy.
- A CMV Liaison Officer has spoken with protesters who informed them that they would be moving their vehicles so that D.O.T. plows/vehicles are able to clear the continuing snowfall as needed. The Liaison Officer advised that the protestors have indicated that US citizens would be walking up to the border to greet the Canadian protestors shortly.
- The protest is very peaceful with no activity to report

QC Nil

NOR: IEOD integrated with Ottawa Police Service and with the BOC for timely updates on the Ottawa protest. / Saut-StMarie: Michigan trucker support rally scheduled for noon today. No sighting so far. Numbers should be under 100. No activity so far.

SOR: anti-mandate protest at Rainbow Bridge at 1pm. / protestors from both sides of the border will walk across the bridge and meet in the middle. / no sighting yet. Ambassador Bridge: slow rolling convoy heading towards the Ambassador Bridge .. Roughly 100 cars and pick ups .. no tractor trailers / No indications of any blockade at this time .. Windsor Police and the owner operator are engaged

PRA: only activity to date is at Emerson, Coutts and Carway but no BWT or operational impacts to report. RCMP on site at each location patrolling

Emerson

- convoy arrived / Vehicles have mainly kept to one of two lanes in each direction with some traffic congestion at times / some interruption to traffic, slow rolls with intermittent stops with the loop currently stretched to hwy 421.. Traffic is flowing into Canada, then they are slowed by the convoy immediately north of CBSA property. / USCBP reports the convoy is interrupting the flow of southbound traffic to the US but as the convoy approaches the port, US bound vehicles have uninterrupted access to USCBP
- US side is calm.RCMP present north of CBSA area and patrolling

Coutts

- An estimated 1000 conveyances stretching 50km long convoy are southbound, approximately 15 km north of the POE.

- RCMP have 12 vehicles staged at the Coutts POE, ready for the arrival of the convoy. Another unknown number of RCMP vehicles are stationed along the route.
- 3 employees have called in sick to work this morning, management is on arranging for coverage.

Carway

- Approx. 20 vehicles have arrived and are positioned at Cdn Duty Free store. Several have flags, banners and honking horns.
- 2 AB Sheriffs, 2 RCMP members and 1 Blood Tribe member are on site.

PAC: nothing to report and no impacts.

CTA:

Statement by Canadian Trucking Alliance President on Ottawa Protests

Saturday January 29, 2022 | [Announcements](#), [COVID-19](#), [Industry Image & PR](#), [Labour/HR/Driver Shortage](#), [News Releases](#)

Earlier this week the Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA) [issued its position](#) on the convoy protesting the bilateral mandate introduced by the Governments of Canada and the United States that requires all essential workers, including truck drivers, to be vaccinated. The only way to cross the border, in a commercial truck or any other vehicle, is to get vaccinated. As an industry we must adapt and comply with this mandate and the vast majority have.

While a number of Canadians are in Ottawa to voice their displeasure over this mandate, it also appears that a great number of these protestors have no connection to the trucking industry and have a separate agenda beyond a disagreement over cross border vaccine requirements. As these protests unfold over the weekend, we ask the Canadian public to be aware that many of the people you see and hear in media reports do not have a connection to the trucking industry.

To those in the trucking industry that have chosen to participate in this protest regarding cross border mandates, we ask that you engage in a peaceful demonstration today then leave the City of Ottawa to avoid any issues to the welfare and safety of the citizens of Ottawa. Your behaviour today will not only reflect upon you and your family but the 300,000 plus fellow Canadians that, like you, take great pride in our industry. Please remember this

important responsibility you bear today in delivering your message responsibly but also the impact your actions will have on the image of the majority of your colleagues from coast-to-coast who do not share your opinion but share your passion for the industry and country.

Over the last 24 months, CTA has and will continue to work with the Government of Canada to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the supply chain. This includes several health and safety measures like raising vaccine rates in our sector. CTA will continue this work to benefit our sector and, by extension, the Canadian economy. This work will begin again this Monday when the Government of Canada hosts the National Supply Chain Summit.

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RCMP media calls on PM security:

Wanted to flag two media calls that will be of interest. As I'm sure you're aware, there is social media speculation that the PM has been relocated due to safety concerns. We've had media calls from:

- Ahmad Elbayoumi, Author of POLICORNER and reporting for Newsbeyond
- Vjosa Isai, NYT in Toronto

Our response is:

The RCMP's protective posture is always ready to adapt to ensure that an adequate level of protection is in place at all times for those we protect. To ensure the safety of those we protect, as well as our members, we do not disclose information related to specific security measures.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 29, 2022, at 12:13 PM, Power, Mary-Liz <Mary-Liz.Power@pmo-cpm.gc.ca> wrote:

Update from PSPC:

- One or two tents reported at the NWM – and tents at Confed Park.
- Groups of people are starting fires to heat themselves in the back Archives and in front of Supreme Court. OPS and OFD (fire) are going on site.
- People are getting more confrontational (verbally) towards uniform personnel.
- Large number of people are crossing from Gatineau by foot.
- Unauthorized plane was circling over Parliament and a drone was spotted.
- PPS officers on the ground reports that protesters are saying prepare for a Capitol Hill (referring to US Jan 2021).
- People walking from Metcalfe with wood pallets and gasoline.

Update from the GOC:

For your situational awareness, we would like to convey to you the following information and findings for the upcoming Canada Unity Convoy 2022 demonstration against vaccine mandates planned for January 29th, 2022. Please see the below information gathered from our partners & the Crisis Management Cell's Open Source Intelligence.

Updates are bolded.

Key Points:

Details on Demonstrations

- **A number of protesters have now convened in downtown Ottawa.**
- **CBC reported that PM Trudeau had left Rideau Cottage for an undisclosed location.**
- **OPS is anticipating the planned march of a large crowd across the Portage bridge around 13:00 EST.**
- **The Parliamentary Protective Service expects as many as 10,000 protesters to be in attendance on 29 Jan.**
- **The Protest is currently peaceful and demonstrators are cooperating with local officials.**

- For near-real time updates on the city of Ottawa road closures and traffic updates, please refer to [Traffic.Ottawa.ca](https://www.trafficottawa.ca) and updates on @Ottawa_Traffic and @Ottawa_Circule.
- In solidarity of the main convoy, demonstrations may take place at Federal buildings across Canada : Victoria, Legislative Assembly, Vancouver, Canada Place, Calgary, Prince Island Park, Edmonton, Legislature building, Regina, Legislative building, Winnipeg, The Forks, Toronto, Union Station, Montreal, Place des arts, Moncton, Riverfront Park, St John's, Harbourside Park.
- A group of 1000-2000 demonstrators are planning to meet at the Alexandria Bridge on the Quebec side and then crossing over to Ottawa at 11:15 on Saturday.
- On 28 Jan, truckers will be meeting at 3 Ports Of Entries (POE) (Saint-Theophile, Stanstead, and Saint-Bernard-de-Lacolle), and will drive on Highway 40 until Vankleek Hill, ON, and will move onward to Ottawa on 29 Jan.
- There are 500 trucks confirmed in the state of Maine as participating on the US side of the border and 300 trucks confirmed in NB to be participating on the highway 95, along with several personal vehicles. Commercial trucks are expected to block highway 95 while passenger vehicles are expected to block highway 555 from Beardsley Road. Transport trucks and individuals will arrive in Ottawa between 28-29 Jan.
- The convoy event could possibly pose a threat to the physical security of the Parliamentary Precinct and is likely to cause significant disruption to Parliamentary operations.
- The convoy left SK on Jan 25, making its way through Winnipeg, MB. According to Regina Police Service, an estimated 1,200 semi-trucks were seen driving through.
- Members of the As reported on Open Sources, CTA states that as many as 32,000 or 20% of CAN/US cross border truck drivers may be impacted by the vaccine mandate.
- In Calgary, as many as 1,000 supporters lined the streets in a show of support as the convoy rolled into the city.
- The Freedom Convoy 2022 group is planning to conduct "slow roll" (slowing down traffic, but not blocking it) convoys at provincial and Canada/U.S. border crossing over the next two weekends. A spokesperson for the group indicates that such convoys will continue

so long as government imposed COVID-19 mandates and restrictions continue.

- Currently there are three (3) convoy routes – West, East and South. The West Route Convoy will leave on Jan 22, the East Route Convoy will leave on Jan 27, while the South Route Convoy is expected to be the largest and includes Windsor, Sarnia, Niagara and Barrie. The three South Route convoys are expected to meet in Toronto, come down the 401 on 27 Jan and stop in Kingston. They will arrive in Arnprior to stage on 28 Jan. On 29 Jan, all convoys will try to get in to Ottawa for noon. Their arrival is expected to have a major impact on city traffic. **Some have arrived already**, no major issues outside of traffic management reported thus far. Latest count of vehicles in convoys: 551.
 - o Eastern Convoy: Convoys from eastern Canada will roll into Vankleek Hill this evening, before completing the journey to Ottawa on Saturday morning.
 - o Southern Convoy, currently 70 vehicles: Convoy of truckers and supporters departed Kingston, ON, shortly after 08:30 EST. The first of the convoys started arriving at Parliament Hill at approximately 13:30 EST.
 - o Western Convoy, currently 471 vehicles: Scheduled to arrive in Arnprior, ON, late Friday afternoon, before travelling into downtown Ottawa Saturday morning.
 - o Sub Convoys: Hearst convoy currently has 10 vehicles.
- The NB chapter of the group is planning one such convoy at the Woodstock, New Brunswick / Houlton, Maine beginning at approximately 11:00 EST on 29 Jan and will continue for the majority of the day, with convoys on both sides of the border. Additional convoys are planned at the NB/NS and several NB/QC borders on 29 Jan.
- While organizers plan to conduct some “civil disobedience” in Ottawa (including shopping without masks, and blocking traffic), although, there have been no calls for violence.
 - o Organizers of the protest have expressed the intent for a peaceful event, which is consistent with what has been seen in other areas where the convoy has stopped so far.
 - o Organizers have stated that convoy participants are expected to follow a Code of Conduct, though no formal list has been shared via social media or the Canada Unity website.

- o Freedom Convoy 2022 organizer says the group won't tolerate extremists and instructed participants "If you see participants along the way that are misbehaving, acting aggressively in any way or inciting any type of violence or hatred, please take down the truck number and their license plate number so that we can forward that to the police," in response to fringe groups/people calling for destructive action.
 - o An event Organizer stated the plan is to "gridlock the city, while leaving room for traffic to businesses and emergency vehicles to get through" while holding events with speakers at a yet to be disclosed stage location.
- NCR partners are planning for a range of risks, including counter demonstrations, demonstrators breaking off from the main group to incite disorder, trucks blocking intersections, etc.
- Closely-related groups have demonstrated interest in gaining access to Precinct buildings. Partners have identified promotional content edited to include "Storm Parliament at 1:30." Engagement with this rhetoric is currently unknown, but organizational factors may contribute to unpredictable and suggestible crowd behavior.
- The subject matter and circumstances of the demonstration are likely to attract individuals predisposed to ideologically motivated violent extremist (IMVE) action.
- As part of the protest, Canada Unity plans to present a request (MOU) to the Governor General and Senate for the removal of various COVID19 related Public Health Order restrictions.
- According to Open Sources, Freedom Convoy 2022, has raised over **\$7.4 million** in fundraising in support of their cause via [GoFundMe](#).
 - o However, GoFundMe has temporarily frozen the funds, stating that they require the fundraisers "be transparent about the flow of funds and have a clear plan for how those funds will be spent."
- Since most government employees are working remotely, the disruption to government activities is expected to be minor.

National Capital Region:

- PSPC has engaged with its parliamentary partners, as well as the Parliamentary Protective Services, Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Ottawa Police Services
 - o 24/7 building personnel and commissionaires are to be positioned on site. Contingency plans are in place to ensure that they can respond to any damage / vandalism etc.
 - o PSPC is working in close collaboration with the Parliamentary Protective Service to coordinate activities specific to the parliamentary precinct, such as providing barricades and access to infrastructure as required during the event.
 - o Construction activities, including the Centre Block Rehabilitation Program, will be shut down from Friday to Sunday, with the possibility of extension to Monday based on the evolution of the event through the weekend.
 - o As a precautionary measure, and following recommendations from security partners, PSPC has authorized the lock down of all buildings under its control (100 Wellington, National Press Building, etc.). Access for essential building occupants will be maintained at all times.
 - o The Parliamentary Precinct Security Operations Center (SOC) will remain operational throughout the event and liaise closely between police, security personnel and PSPC stakeholders as required.
- Minto Properties received confirmation that individuals started to enter office buildings in the downtown core and some caused damages. As a result, Minto Place has locked down 180 Kent Street. All entrance doors will be locked (weekend mode) and security will be at each entrance to monitor access to and from the Complex.
- Toronto Police Services are sending resources to Ottawa to assist with The Freedom Convoy in Ottawa.
- For information on planned traffic routes, please refer to the following webmap: [Link to webmap](#).
 - o For real time updates on the city of Ottawa road closures, please refer to the city of Ottawa website as well as the Twitter feed for the City of Ottawa Police.
- Ottawa Police Service are managing rolling closures at this time in order to manage traffic.

- Ottawa police are planning for around 1,000 to 2,000 vehicles, while also noting the Freedom Convoy has so far been peaceful and cooperative with police and city officials in other jurisdictions.
- For road/bridge closures and Convoy redirections, please see below:
 - o Convoy arriving from the west on the 417 will be directed to Sir John A MacDonald Parkway from the Pinecrest exit. Following this, Kent and Metcalfe exits will be used with vehicles directed to O'Connor as well. Demonstrators heading to 24 Sussex will be directed to take the Montreal exit to George Etienne parkway.
 - o The convoy arriving from the east on the 417 will have access to the George Etienne parkway via aviation parkway. They will then continue on to King Edward then Rideau to access the downtown core.
 - o Wellington will be closed between Metcalfe and Lion with 3 lanes dedicated to the demonstration and the 4th lane for emergency vehicles.
 - o Near Vanier, old Jetform park will be used to park trucks and passenger vehicles with cabs and LRT available for demonstrators to get downtown.
 - o The trucks will be parked in the curb lane or at staging areas.
 - o Please see the following for bridge closures:
 - § MacDonald Cartier bridge is being closed (1 lane in each direction) due to weight.
 - § Gatineau Police will be closing the Alexandria Bridge as of 18:00hrs this evening.
 - o The following road closures in the NCR were in place as of 11:00 EDT:
 - § All lanes are closed at the Highway 417 eastbound on-ramp at Richmond /Bayshore Drive;
 - § Wellington westbound is reduced to one lane between Elgin and O'Connor;
 - § The right lane and shoulder are closed at the Highway 417 eastbound on-ramp at Highway 416;

§ Elgin is reduced to two lanes in each direction between Wellington and Laurier due to preparations for the demonstration, and

§ Laurier is reduced to 1 lane in each direction between Elgin and Nicholas due to preparations for demonstration.

- When they arrive in Ottawa, convoy participants plan to conduct the following activities:
 - o Protesting outside of 24 Sussex (some participants have pointed out that PM Trudeau does not live at this address, but this does not seem to have changed the plans);
 - o Blocking bridges and slowing down traffic generally;
 - o Going shopping without masks;
 - o Protesting outside CBC News at 181 Queen St (it is important to note that there are House of Commons offices located in this building); and
 - o Generally protesting around and on Parliament Hill, including the Senate building.
- During their overnight stays, convoy participants will stay at various hotels. Currently, it is not clear what Freedom Convoy 2022's plans are regarding overnight stay and parking while in the Ottawa area.

Related demonstrations across Canada:

- Prince Edwards Island: In PEI, a Convoy plans to begin a slow roll demonstration at 13:00 EST on 29 Jan from the By-Pass and University Ave intersection down University Ave to the Cenotaph before dispersing.
- New Brunswick: NB is anticipating the following CI disruptions: Blockade of Woodstock NB and Houlton ME International Port of Entry, Blockade of Highway 2 at NB/NS border, Disruption/Traffic slowdown of Edmundston NB and Madawaska ME International Port of Entry, Disruption/Traffic slowdown of Perth Andover NB and Fort Fairfield ME international port of entry, Disruption/Traffic slowdown of highway 2 at NB/Quebec border.

- Alberta: In AB, those who cannot go to Ottawa are being encouraged to block the Coutts border, most likely on 28-29 Jan, and not move until the demands in Ottawa are met.
- Manitoba: On 19 Jan, a group of truck drivers demonstrated at the US-Manitoba international border, blocking the highway and slowing traffic.
- Ontario: On 23 Jan, a demonstration is planned outside Sarnia near the Canada's Border Crossing (report from TC) with the goal to slow down traffic. The South convoy, anticipated to be the largest cohort, will leave on 27 Jan from Windsor, Ont.
- Quebec: On 28 Jan, trucks from numerous border crossings between Canada and the United States will come down Highway 40 in Vaudreuil, west of Montreal, to arrive in Ottawa by noon.

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Subject: RE: Updates - Trucker Convoy

UPDATE #:13

- **Approximately 4000-5000 individuals are gathered on the parliament hill grounds.**
- **Approximately 700-1000 individuals along Wellington street and sidewalks.**
- **Convoys (3000+ vehicles) are currently arriving from the West, South, East and from the Quebec side. They will be rolling into the city between now and 3hrs;**
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View of the traffic on Elgin Street, North:



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An update from Transport Canada:

This AM, the RCMP has asked TC to temporarily expand our standard NOTAM over Parliament Hill as part of their plan for managing the scene downtown this weekend. We will shortly issue a temporary NOTAM for the additional space not covered by the permanent restriction over Parliament. This is consistent with our standard practice of issuing temporary NOTAMs over specific locations at the request of relevant authorities where there are incidents or events.

In addition to the dissemination of the NOTAM through NAVCAN notices to air operators, TC will issue a tweet, to broaden dissemination to groups like drone users that may not be watching the technical NOTAM channels.

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Premier Moe has posted a statement in support of the truckers:

<https://twitter.com/PremierScottMoe/status/1487460075102871554>



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A Message from Premier Scott Moe

I want to start with a clear and simple message to every Saskatchewan and Canadian trucker, farmer and individual that has contributed to keeping our communities operating over the last two years:

THANK YOU!!!

THANK YOU for delivering the food and household products we all use every day, the parts and equipment that keep our farms and industries running, and every other kind of goods and products you can imagine.

If you bought something today, a trucker delivered it.

So, THANK YOU!

You also deserve a special thank you for everything you have done over the past two years, since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the early days of the pandemic, when we did not know much about COVID-19, we shut a lot of things down and asked most people to stay home. But not truckers. We asked you to keep working, despite the risk, because of how much we rely on you to keep our shelves stocked, our economy going and our communities open.

We asked truckers to do this because we needed you. We all rely on you. And what did you do?

Truckers stepped up and kept on hauling, they crossed provincial borders and they crossed the US border. You did this prior to rapid tests, prior to early intervention treatments and prior to vaccines. You took the necessary precautions, you kept yourselves and those around you safe, and you delivered the things the people in Saskatchewan needed to live.



I want to be clear on how I feel about vaccines. I am fully vaccinated with my booster shot. This did not prevent me from recently contracting COVID-19, but I believe it did keep me from becoming sick. In fact, I really had no symptoms at all, other than cabin fever from being stuck in my house for several days.

My experience was similar to many other vaccinated people. Vaccination does not keep you from contracting COVID-19, but it does prevent most people from becoming seriously ill. That is why I will continue to encourage everyone to get vaccinated, because I do not want any of you to become seriously ill.

That said, because vaccination is not reducing transmission, the current federal border policy for truckers makes no sense. An unvaccinated trucker does not pose any greater risk of transmission than a vaccinated trucker.

However, the current federal policy does pose a significant risk to Canada's economy and to the supply chain in our Saskatchewan communities, where you and I live. This federal policy will increase the cost of living, which is now rising at a rate that is creating significant hardship for many Canadians.

That is why my government supports your call to end the cross-border ban on unvaccinated truckers and it is why, in the not-too-distant future, our government will be ending our proof of negative test/proof of vaccination policy in Saskatchewan.



Scott Moe
Premier



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Hi there,
Latest update from the GOC:

UPDATE #:12

- The demonstration remains peaceful;
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- Approximately 500-700 individuals along Wellington street and sidewalks.
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Corner of Metcalfe and Wellington:



View of the traffic on Elgin Street, North:



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Subject: Updates - Trucker Convoy

Hi there,
Sharing the latest GOC update on today's protest. Will keep this chain updated as the day progresses.
Please let me know if you have any questions.

- The demonstration remains peaceful;
- **Approximately 500-700 individuals are gathered on the parliament hill grounds.**
- **Approximately 100 individuals along Wellington street and sidewalks.**
- Wellington street is closed between Bank and Metcalfe with two lanes open for emergency vehicles;
- Wellington Street is still being used by demonstrators as a make-shift parking area for vehicles (Between O'Connor and Metcalfe);
- Ottawa Police is maintaining a high presence in the area;
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Latest from GOC:

Event Overview:

Latest Data (estimates): 2,685+ vehicles and 5,200+ demonstrators
(additions/updates to data in red)

o **Currently downtown: 353 vehicles + 200+ demonstrators**

§ 3 semi trucks parked on Wellington St.

§ 350 vehicles from convoy (PPS)

§ 200 Parliament Hill, crowds on Wellington St. and Queen St.

§ Protestors setting up camp in Confederation Park

§ Truck parked on Queen Street with ATV in cab (RCMP).

§ OPS directing traffic on Elgin and Queen St. Limiting the number of trucks on O'Connor and Metcalfe.

§ Convoy vehicles traveling down Richmond Rd. towards Sir John A. MacDonald Parkway.

§ MacDonald Cartier Bridge is being closed (one lane in each direction) due to weight limitations.

o **Enroute arriving today: 1705 vehicles**

§ 150 vehicles (OPP) from 416 convoy

§ 1205 vehicles at various locations on Hwy 20 (SQ)

§ Project Hendon (OPP) Sit Rep includes:

- reports of what police believe may be a large air compressor being transported on a flat bed truck in the convoy;
- OS research has identified a You Tube channel that appears to be live streaming police communications regarding the location and movement of the convoys, specifically from OPP radio communications;
- Individuals attending the Ottawa protest may attend one or more hospitals in the Ottawa area;
- OS captured an image of a tractor trailer carrying a pick up truck and a smaller piece of equipment (possibly a construction light tower), a flat bed

truck carrying another pick up truck and portable toilets; as well as what might be an excavator on the back of another truck. A large boat and a large ATV are also being hauled in the convoy.

o **Arriving tomorrow by 12pm: 627 vehicles + unknown vehicles (US-QC) +5,000 demonstrators (AP)**

§ 534 vehicles (West convoy, will depart tomorrow am from Arnprior, ON)

§ 300 people waiting for the West convoy in North Bay, ON

§ 63 vehicles (East convoy, departing tomorrow from Vankleek Hill, ON)

§ 20-30 vehicles near Belleville, ON, which includes a tractor with a front end loader.

§ QC-US Border Convoy, details unknown, will be joining East Convoy in Vankleek Hill, ON tomorrow

§ Actions Pacifique expecting 5000 demonstrators to cross from Gatineau side to NCR, planning to park on the Gatineau side and travel by foot into the Ottawa area at 1115hrs.

§ Unknown number of demonstrators can be expected from the NCR

Operational Information:

- At 1512hrs, PPS reported a drone operator on the grounds of Parliament Hill with drone flying over Wellington St.
- PPS received an application for a permit in support of a riser that will be installed for 2 days. Application was submitted by organizer of 'Adopt a Trucker' fundraiser.
- Speakers have been set up in front of Queen's Gate.
- Overall mood in the downtown core is peaceful, music is playing and cars/crowds are supporting the convoys as they pass.
- GOC sent out an email to the CSO/DCSO community advising that they have received confirmation surrounding protestors entering office buildings in the downtown core and allegedly causing damage. As a result, Minto Place, is going into weekend lockdown mode, effectively immediately.

Communications:

- National Division Communications is working with National Headquarters Communications to update message for the RCMP Employee Emergency Information Line (EEIL).
- Event contains to garner a significant amount of media interest and coverage.

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Please see below, latest update from the GOC

New information in bold as of 16:30 EDT

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Details on Demonstrations

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Preparedness and Response efforts

- Ottawa police have planned for 1,000 to 2,000 vehicles and note the Convoy has so far been peaceful and cooperative with police and city officials in other jurisdictions.
- **Ottawa Police Service are managing rolling closures at this time in order to manage traffic.**
- **Gatineau Police will be closing the Alexandria Bridge as of 18:00hrs this evening.**
- **Toronto Police Services are sending resources to Ottawa to assist with The Freedom Convoy in Ottawa.**
- The following road closures in the NCR were in place as of 14:30 EDT:
 - o Highway 417 eastbound on-ramp at Richmond /Bayshore Drive;
 - o Queen Elizabeth Drive between Laurier and Catherine;
 - o Wellington, reduced to one lane between Elgin and Lyon;
 - o Right lane and shoulder at Highway 417 eastbound on-ramp at Highway 416;

- o Sir John A Macdonald parkway between Carling and Booth;
- o Gatineau Police will be closing the Alexandria Bridge as of 18:00 EDT;
- o Intermittent closures are expected on the Sir John A. Macdonald, Aviation and Sir George-Étienne-Cartier parkways, for City of Ottawa operations;
- o Elgin is reduced to two lanes between Wellington and Laurier due to preparations for the demonstration; and
- o Laurier is reduced to 1 lane in each direction between Elgin and Nicholas due to preparations for demonstration.
- o Ottawa Public Health has closed two vaccination clinics. [Link](#)

· **PSPC has engaged with its parliamentary partners, as well as the Parliamentary Protective Services, Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Ottawa Police Services**

- o 24/7 building personnel and commissionaires are to be positioned on site. Contingency plans are in place to ensure that they can respond to any damage / vandalism etc.
- o PSPC is working in close collaboration with the Parliamentary Protective Service to coordinate activities specific to the parliamentary precinct, such as providing barricades and access to infrastructure as required during the event.
- o Construction activities, including the Centre Block Rehabilitation Program, will be shut down from Friday to Sunday, with the possibility of extension to Monday based on the evolution of the event through the weekend.
- o As a precautionary measure, and following recommendations from security partners, PSPC has authorized the lock down of all buildings under its control (100 Wellington, National Press Building, etc.). Access for essential building occupants will be maintained at all times.
- o The Parliamentary Precinct Security Operations Center (SOC) will remain operational throughout the event and liaise closely between police, security personnel and PSPC stakeholders as required.

· **Minto Properties received confirmation that individuals started to enter office buildings in the downtown core and some caused damages. As a result, Minto Place has locked down 180 Kent Street. All entrance doors will be locked (weekend mode) and security will be at each entrance to monitor access to and from the Complex.**

Overall Assessment: (derived from information available on open sources):

- OPP is advising motorists to avoid travel on Hwy417 and Hwy416 in the Ottawa for Friday afternoon and Saturday due to major delays associated with the truck Convoy. [Link](#)
- Ottawa Police, the OPP and the RCMP as well as the City of Ottawa, are aware of and are coordinating a response to the progress of the various convoys.
- Since most government employees are working remotely, the disruption to government activities is expected to be minor.
- OP INTERSECT is indicating that this will be a significant and extremely fluid event that could go on for a prolonged period.
- Organizers of the protest have expressed the intent for a peaceful event, which is consistent with what has been seen in other areas where the convoy has stopped so far.

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Hi there,

Sharing the latest update from the GOC, as well as a summary of the Q&A from today's Ottawa Police and City of Ottawa briefing.

City of Ottawa/OPS briefing:

2021-01-28 – Ottawa Media Avail – Truckers Update

Agence France Presse: Is Ottawa police working with US counterparts to work on planning for this weekend?

- Intelligence is with Canadian and international partners. This one is principally in Canada, more contact with Canadian partners. But that is always part of our process.

Do you have an estimation of the number of protesters? Does 10,000 still hold?

- Something we're working to clarify, detailed and latest info. No number to share at this time. 10,000 does not reflect current numbers.

CP: Sloly said they identified other groups/individuals who are mixed in among core organizers. Name hate or extremist groups who've been identified or you fear will be present?

- Not at this time. Can assure you and public we have full cooperation from national security agencies, CSIS/RCMP and international partners. Assistance in conducting threat assessment throughout this process. National, provincial and local intelligence working on constant basis.

What happens if protestors remain into next week? Let them park on the streets?

- That's a fluid part of this operation, haven't gotten clarity from core convoy on end date or exit strategy. In constant communication to make sure there's a full understanding of what's reasonable. Will be concerned should there still be a large demonstration in Ottawa downtown core on Monday.
- Public safety is at the centre of our response.

CBC Ottawa: during Canada 150, dump trucks and snow plows blocked access on precinct, why wasn't that done this time?

- Options were weighed, determined we'd like to keep one lane open on major routes, not shutting down major arteries. Keeping routes open for emergency vehicles around downtown core as necessary.

Do the protestors have a demonstration permit?

- From what we know, not at this time.

CityNews Ottawa: expand on truckers being diverted to specific areas or routes? Where? Any areas you don't want them to go to?

- We've got people coming in from all directions into the city. Traffic officers managing that, in contact with convoys on routes.
- People can find themselves on the grounds of parliament, PPS is the decision maker here.

Washroom access downtown – Mayor raised possibility that organizers not planned for portapotties?

- Currently assessing need – understand organizers may have got porta potties. We'll be ready.

City News National: going to be people seeking to peacefully protest, those to rubberneck despite advice not to. If they have to ask people to peacefully disperse, what signals will they give?

- We have equipment. Officers in the crowd, engaging with the crowd. We will give people warnings.

January 6th has been looming –how present is that risk in planning for this?

- That's been sown into the narrative of this situation. While we're informed by events from around the world, this is Canada, our nations capital. Faith in Canadians from coast to coast. Confidence that the vast majority of those participating will do so as Canadians do, lawfully, peacefully and with respect to everyone.
- For those who choose otherwise, commensurate response to any acts of violence or criminality, hate or intolerance, acts of disrespect. We're ready.

CTV Ottawa: We got emails from businesses about safety for their staff, etc for this weekend. Should businesses close their doors this weekend?

- Discussion that's been taking place over last several days. Neighbourhood resource teams have been actively meeting with businesses, residents, BIAs, local councilors, up to this morning. Sharing as much as we can so they can make informed decisions. Private citizens/businesses have to make their own call, we can give them the most up to date info.
- Do everything we can to keep them safe.

No recommendation?

- That's a decision the business has to make on their own. We'll provide them information, services commensurate to risk.

Global National: not sure on numbers – that's what's making people anxious. KPS released number of tractors, trailers, we have about 230 tractors, 725 cars coming from western Canada, Toronto/Kingston. Info from QC police, RCMP? Do those numbers sound about right, what can you add?

- What you've described is accurate, information as available when they go through a municipality. As the convoy's travelled, numbers change. **Until they arrive here, won't get an accurate count until they arrive in this jurisdiction.**
- Partners providing us numbers of people travelling toward Ottawa. Numbers will grow throughout next 24/48 hrs.
- Numbers are reasonably accurate based on briefings we've received.

- 100-200 vehicles coming from NB, not sure what type of vehicles. May be a large volume of people coming from Gatineau, around 2000, on foot. Any combination of people arriving on foot and in vehicles into the city.

You've mentioned the core organizers – can you speak more about who they are, does each convoy have an organizer, how many there are?

- We've received good communication from core organizers. The risk factors are beyond the core folks- online and other forums have said they want to engage with events over next few days, inciting hate, violence and criminality.
- Plan that is well resourced on core element, all of the risks that come with that. Asymmetric threats attributed to individuals and groups that are parallel to this.
- 8 convoy captains we're in touch with.

La Presse: do you know when the first convoys are expected, where from?

- We have already seen people arrive in Ottawa. Main demonstration tomorrow at noon, but we are expecting to see groups arrive throughout the day today, don't know if they'll stay or leave and return tomorrow.

Many people are expecting to arrive, extreme cold. Do we know where people will stay, risks for safety?

- That is the responsibility of the protestors themselves, its our priority to keep people safe, we'll do what we can to work with people who are in crisis.

Le Droit: what would make your job easier this weekend – if businesses closed, or if they're all open?

- From a policing and public safety standpoint – least traffic other than our mass transportation in and around downtown will facilitate safe environment for all involved.
- Can't tell people who may have medical appointment, seek essential services, etc. to not do so, irresponsible for us to dictate which services should operate.
- Encourage people to change plans, make own informed decisions.

- If the threat information changes dramatically, we will provide that information, direct recommendations at that time. If changes, will change with it.

Is there a worry that the responsibility for services like bathrooms is falling a little bit on downtown businesses?

- No, that's not the worry. Like Canada day. Ottawa will ensure there are enough services.

Ottawa Citizen: is your main concern the potential for violence from counter protestors or main convoy?

- There's been a lot of inflammatory discourse on social media, we have yet to receive direct threat assessments for any group that we can anticipate is coming to NCR. We can't ignore rhetoric, threat language, attempts to incite violence.
- Should the situation change and we can identify individuals or groups where there is clear info that they intend to act, options to interdict as early as possible.
- Consequences will be commensurate to the acts.

Have police or city staff received any directives about personal participating in this convoy or related activities?

- As with every demonstration, our responsibility is to oath of office, not personal views. Expectation of OPS is that every member of this service will adhere to oath of office. If breached, there will be consequences.
- Applies to city employees as well. Expect everyone to follow our code of conduct.

Radio Canada: what is the number of police who will be on the grounds? People who will be protecting certain specific buildings?

- We don't give out number of police. You can see many police on the grounds, in different uniforms and different equipment, in areas we've identified as important to have a good understanding of what's happening.

Sources say there are MPs who've been targeted by protestors, what is your strategy?

- Planning for this event has started a week ago, always coordinated with orders of police, agencies. Direct briefings with RCMP commissioner, OPP commissioner on status of threat assessments for government, officials.

- Leaders trying to advance public health have been targeted. This is not Canadian, not lawful.

TFO: not the first time we're seeing a protest on parliament, is this one unprecedented?

- Every protest is different. Depends on the crowd, how they react which guides our approach.

For people who are downtown – should they not go outside? Can they not go to the canal to skate?

- We know lots of people live downtown, asked to limit their circulation during the weekend. If they have to essential work, they are able to go do it, but should expect delays, especially in cars.

Toronto Star: which groups are the parallel groups that are being referred to?

- Not in a position to name individuals or groups at this point. Intelligence is ongoing. Won't stop till end of demonstration, follow ups after that.
- Concern is the totality of the circumstances we're facing. Risks can't and will not be ignored.

Doxing warning that went out to MPs- can you share what the assessment is at this time? What is the assessment for those people at this point?

- Nature of threats we've seen in last 18-24 months is the same nature of the threats we've seen over the last few days. Doxing is one form of this, statements that incite criminal behavior, hate, misogyny, racism, homophobic, threats of mischief.
- Prepared to lay charges.

GOC

New information in bold, as of 12:00 EDT.

The following relates to a planned peaceful demonstration in Ottawa on 28-29 Jan. The Government Operations Centre (GOC) is monitoring the potential to affect Critical Infrastructure (CI) including Federal assets.

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- Canadian Truck Alliance (CTA) and the Atlantic Canadian Trucking Association do not support any protests on public roadways, highways, and bridges.

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- Some supporters suggested they would not leave Ottawa until vaccine mandates for public servants, Canadian travelers and cross-border truckers are lifted.
- An event Organizer stated the plan is to “gridlock the city, while leaving room for traffic to businesses and emergency vehicles to get through” while holding events with speakers at a yet to be disclosed stage location [Link](#)
- OPP has said that it is working with those involved to minimize the impact to the public and ensure public safety. [Link](#)
- Ottawa police now preparing for multiple groups coming to Ottawa with planning underway for a range of risks including counter-demonstrations, blocking of intersections, interfering with critical infrastructure, and unlawful activity.
- Freedom Convoy 2022 organizer says the group won’t tolerate extremists and instructed participants "If you see participants along the way that are misbehaving, acting aggressively in any way or inciting any type of violence or hatred, please take down the truck number and their license plate number so that we can forward that to the police," in response to fringe groups/people calling for destructive action. [Link](#)
- A joint communication strategy is being developed by the City of Ottawa to ensure the public is informed of traffic and transit plans throughout the demonstration.
- Ottawa police are planning for around 1,000 to 2,000 vehicles, while also noting the Freedom Convoy has so far been peaceful and cooperative with police and city officials in other jurisdictions.
 - o Convoy arriving from the west on the 417 will be directed to Sir John A MacDonald Parkway from the Pinecrest exit. Following this, Kent and Metcalfe exits will be used with vehicles directed to O’Conner as well. Demonstrators heading to 24 Sussex will be directed to take the Montreal exit to George Etienne parkway.
 - o The convoy arriving from the east on the 417 will have access to the George Etienne parkway via aviation parkway. They will then continue on to King Edward then Rideau to access the downtown core.

- o Wellington will be closed between Metcalf and Lion with 3 lanes dedicated to the demonstration and the 4th lane for emergency vehicles.
- o Near Vanier, old Jetform park will be used to park trucks and passenger vehicles with cabs and LRT available for demonstrators to get downtown.
- o The trucks will be parked in the curb lane or at staging areas.
- o The following road closures in the NCR were in place as of 11:00 EDT:
 - § **All lanes are closed at the Highway 417 eastbound on-ramp at Richmond /Bayshore Drive;**
 - § **Wellington westbound is reduced to one lane between Elgin and O'Connor;**
 - § **The right lane and shoulder are closed at the Highway 417 eastbound on-ramp at Highway 416;**
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Latest RCMP update:

Here's the latest for your info.

- According to the OPP, the movement of the convoys on 2022-01-28, is as follows:
 - o The West convoy is expected to depart Sault St. Marie, ON at 0600hrs and will end their day in Arnprior, ON at 1800hrs.
 - o The East convoy will depart Riviere-du-Loup (Saint-Antonin), QC at 07:00hrs and will arrive in Vankleek Hill, ON at 1300hrs.
 - o Three (3) additional groups are expected to come from the US Border in Saint-Theophile, Standstead and Lacolle, QC, where they will converge in Vaudreuil, QC at 1400hrs and will continue on to meet the East convoy in Vankleek Hill, ON, where they will remain for the evening.
 - o The South convoy is expected to depart Kingston, ON at 0830hrs, with an estimated arrival time in the NCR of 1200hrs. They will be making their way to Parliament Hill. It remains unclear what this group plans to do upon their arrival today.
 - o The East and West convoys will depart their locations between 1030hrs and 1100hrs on 2022-01-29, arriving in the NCR at 1200hrs.

- The GoFund Me Page currently sits at \$6.9M.
- PPS advised at 1900hrs on 2022-01-27 that 4-5 vehicles were blocking the west facing lane of Wellington St., near the Queen's Gate. Approximately 20 people from a New Brunswick movement entitled "L'Union fait la force" were present and left peacefully at 1040hrs.

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Hi there,

Ottawa Police have shared a bootleg of their remarks for today's press conference (planned for 11am). Please see below for key points, and attached for full copies of prepared remarks from Chief Sloly and Deputy Chief Ferguson.

Key Points – Chief Sloly & Deputy Chief Ferguson comments

- Demonstrators have already arrived, and we have already started to manage a series of pop-up demonstrators in the core over the last 24 hours.
- We have been in constant communication with the core Freedom Convoy organizers. Still, there are many other parallel demonstrators we have not been able to engage with - there are also social media actors locally, nationally and internationally who may or may not come to the demonstrations but who are inciting hate, violence and criminality.
- We still do not have a confirmed estimate on the number of trucks or demonstrators. We do not have an established end date for the demonstrations.
- We have significantly increased the level of local, provincial and national communication and coordination commensurate to the evolving nature of the demonstration. This includes bringing in significantly more police, national security, emergency services and City resources.
- We ask everyone NOT to visit or travel in the downtown core if you don't need to.
- We are monitoring all intelligence and coordinating with federal, provincial and local partners to ensure that we are identifying those who could pose a threat.

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- Working with organizers on operational plans for parking, safe ways in and out of the downtown core.
- We have reassigned and deployed Ottawa Police officers and we have called for assistance from other police agencies to ensure we have appropriate resources to manage any eventuality.
- This pandemic has been hard on all Canadians. It is important that we show compassion for one another while exercising our rights. That includes the local community, the demonstrators and police officers who are working to keep everyone safe.

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Good morning,

Latest from the RCMP (highlights are mine)

- As of 2022-01-27, the OPP have confirmed the following numbers of vehicles taking part in convoys converging into the NCR:
 - o West Convoy (Thunder Bay-Sault Ste. Marie): 471
 - o South Convoy D (Niagara – Kingston): 100
 - o Hearst Convoy: 10
- A significant number of supporters have been observed on overpasses throughout the province. No incidents reported.
- It is still unclear what the group from the South convoy will be doing in Ottawa on 2022-01-29 once they arrive.
- Various drone images and videos of the convoy are circulating through open sources. It is possible that these drones could be used in Ottawa.
- The Go Fund Me page currently sits at over \$6.1M and media is now reporting that Go Fund Me has agreed to release \$1M to the organizers.

- There has been an increase in social media posts from users suggesting that violence should be used if the government does not acknowledge the convoy. No substantiated threats or credible plans have been identified at this time.

Operational Planning:

- Our operational command center is now activated

Communications:

- OPS and the City of Ottawa are holding their media briefing at 1100hrs on 2022-01-28. Chief Peter Sloly and Acting Deputy Chief Trish Ferguson from Ottawa Police along with Kim Ayotte, General Manager of the City of Ottawa's Emergency and Protective Services will be present and it can be viewed online at:

English: www.youtube.com/cityottawa/live

French: www.youtube.com/villedottawa/live

- The common hashtag **#demoGatOtt / #manifOttGat** has also been created for NCR security partners to use, as deemed appropriate.

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Hi again,

A few updates below.

From the RCMP:

Here are a few noteworthy updates for your awareness:

- Event organizers continue to try and distance themselves from the online extremist rhetoric, asking members of the convoy to report any extremist or violent behaviour to the police.
- The Ottawa Police Service has set up a website dedicated to providing information and updates surrounding the Freedom Convoy 2022 demonstrations: <https://www.ottawapolice.ca/en/news-and-community/weekend-demonstration-information-and-updates.aspx>
- The City of Ottawa has also set up a website for residents: <https://ottawa.ca/en/news/expected-demonstration-will-result-weekend-downtown-travel-disruptions>

- National Division met with the communications representatives from all partner law enforcement agencies to finalize communication approaches. The Division is actively sharing and cross posting on all Social Media platforms, in order to support partner agencies.
- National Division communications will be meeting with the NCC and OSGG communications representatives during the am on 2022-01-28, to finalize details surrounding messaging requirements surrounding the closure of the grounds of Rideau Hall.
- National Division and National Headquarters will be issuing messaging reminding employees of the potential for significant traffic disruptions this weekend, asking that they ensure that they are prepared in the event a broader mobilization is required and reiterating the importance of ensuring that employees refrain from self deploying.
- Ottawa Police Service plans on hosting a media briefing on 2022-01-28, time TBC, with their Acting Deputy Chief Trish Ferguson. An invitation was extended to all partner agencies, however, at this time it appears as though this will be limited to OPS.

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From the GOC:

New information in bold

The following relates to a planned peaceful demonstration in Ottawa on 28-29 Jan. The Government Operations Centre (GOC) is monitoring the potential to affect Critical Infrastructure (CI) including Federal assets.

For information on planned traffic routes, please refer to the following webmap: [Link to webmap](#)

- **For real time updates on the city of Ottawa road closures, please refer to the city of Ottawa website as well as the Twitter feed for the City of Ottawa Police.**

Overview:

- Effective 15 Jan, COVID-19 vaccination became mandatory for all truckers entering Canada from the United States to avoid a two-week quarantine and a negative COVID-19 test before arrival.
- Similarly, beginning on 22 Jan, U.S. DHS began requiring non-U.S. individuals seeking to enter the United States via land ports of entry and ferry terminals at the U.S.- Mexico and U.S.- Canada borders to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and provide related proof of vaccination, as COVID-19 cases continue to rise nationwide. These new restrictions will apply to non-U.S. individuals who are traveling for both essential and non-essential reasons. They will not apply to U.S. citizens, Lawful Permanent Residents, or U.S. nationals." [Link](#)

Key Points:

- A number of Canadian truckers have planned a massive convoy with hopes of ending the mandatory vaccine mandate for truckers.
- Trucking convoys from across the country are planning to gather in Ottawa on 28-29 Jan to demonstrate against this requirement. The convoys are aiming to arrive in downtown Ottawa by noon on 29 Jan, however some are anticipated to arrive as early as 28 Jan.
- There are three main convoys (East, South and West) heading to Ottawa and additional demonstrations being planned across Canada. Contacts for routes and timelines can be found on the organization's website: [Link](#)
 - **Eastern Convoy departed PEI on 27 Jan with 76 vehicles crossing the Confederation Bridge heading to Auluc, NB. to meet up with other Eastern convoys. The organizers worked with the RCMP and the Confederation Bridge authorities.**
 - **Southern convoy: The Windsor and Sarnia Convoys had merged into a single convoy before passing through London and the GTA attracting large groups of supporters roadside on its way to Kingston for the night. Convoy will depart for Ottawa on 28 Jan. Extensive traffic delays have been reported throughout the day along the route with the Convoy currently on HWY401. [Link](#)**
 - § The 401 was closed due to an accident this morning which is delaying the convoy.
 - **The Western Convoy originating from BC is traveling between Thunder Bay and Sault Ste. Marie today. [Link](#)**
 - § **Northern Ontario has seen the closure of the Trans-Canada Highway due to weather conditions and this may impede a convoy of truckers from BC. [Link](#)**
 - A group of 1000-2000 demonstrators are meeting at the Alexandria Bridge on the Quebec side and crossing over to Ottawa at 11:15 on Saturday.
 - "Slow roll" convoys at provincial [and Canada/U.S. border crossing](#) are being planned over the weekend. [Link](#)
 - In AB, those who cannot go to Ottawa are being encouraged to block the Coutts border, most likely on 28-29 Jan, and not move until the demands in Ottawa are met. (Source: comments on the Freedom Convoy 2020 Facebook page.)
 - In PEI, a Convoy plans to begin a slow roll demonstration at 13:00 EST on 29 Jan from the By-Pass and University Ave intersection down University Ave to the Cenotaph before dispersing.
 - NB is anticipating the following CI disruptions: Blockade of Woodstock NB and Houlton ME International Port of Entry, Blockade of Highway 2 at NB/NS border, Disruption/Traffic slowdown of Edmundston NB and Madawaska ME International Port of Entry, Disruption/Traffic slowdown of Perth Andover NB and Fort Fairfield ME international port

of entry, Disruption/Traffic slowdown of highway 2 at NB/Quebec border.

- o **On 28 Jan, truckers will be meeting at 3 Ports Of Entries (POE) (Saint-Theophile, Stanstead, and Saint-Bernard-de-Lacolle), and will drive on Highway 40 until Vankleek Hill ,ON, and will move onward to Ottawa on 29 Jan.**
- o **There are 500 trucks confirmed in the state of Maine as participating on the US side of the border and 300 trucks confirmed in NB to be participating on the highway 95, along with several personal vehicles. Commercial trucks are expected to block highway 95 while passenger vehicles are expected to block highway 555 from Beardsley Road. Transport trucks and individuals will arrive in Ottawa between 28-29 Jan.**
- Canadian Truck Alliance (CTA) and the Atlantic Canadian Trucking Association do not support any protests on public roadways, highways, and bridges.
- According to Open Sources, Freedom Convoy 2022, has raised over **\$6.2** million in fundraising in support of their cause. [Link](#)
- As part of the protest, Canada Unity plans to present a request (MOU) to the Governor General and Senate for the removal of various COVID19 related Public Health Order restrictions.
- Some supporters suggested they would not leave Ottawa until vaccine mandates for public servants, Canadian travelers and cross-border truckers are lifted.
- **An event Organizer stated the plan is to “gridlock the city, while leaving room for traffic to businesses and emergency vehicles to get through” while holding events with speakers at a yet to be disclosed stage location** [Link](#)
- OPP has said that it is working with those involved to minimize the impact to the public and ensure public safety. [Link](#)
- Ottawa police now preparing for multiple groups coming to Ottawa with planning underway for a range of risks including counter-demonstrations, blocking of intersections, interfering with critical infrastructure, and unlawful activity.
- Freedom Convoy 2022 organizer says the group won’t tolerate extremists and instructed participants "If you see participants along the way that are misbehaving, acting aggressively in any way or inciting any type of violence or hatred, please take down the truck number and their license plate number so that we can forward that to the police," in response to fringe groups/people calling for destructive action. [Link](#)
- A joint communication strategy is being developed by the City of Ottawa to ensure the public is informed of traffic and transit plans throughout the demonstration.

- **Ottawa police are planning for around 1,000 to 2,000 vehicles, while also noting the Freedom Convoy has so far been peaceful and cooperative with police and city officials in other jurisdictions.**

- **Convoy arriving from the west on the 417 will be directed to Sir John A MacDonald Parkway from the Pinecrest exit. Following this, Kent and Metcalfe exits will be used with vehicles directed to O'Conner as well. Demonstrators heading to 24 Sussex will be directed to take the Montreal exit to George Etienne parkway.**
- **The convoy arriving from the east on the 417 will have access to the George Etienne parkway via aviation parkway. They will then continue on to King Edward then Rideau to access the downtown core.**
- **Wellington will be closed between Metcalf and Lion with 3 lanes dedicated to the demonstration and the 4th lane for emergency vehicles.**
- **Near Vanier, old Jetform park will be used to park trucks and passenger vehicles with cabs and LRT available for demonstrators to get downtown.**
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Please find an operational update from the RCMP below.

Issue: Following the Government of Canada's announcement requiring all truck drivers crossing the border to be fully vaccinated effective 2022-01-15, planning for a national event entitled "Freedom Convoy 2022" was initiated on social media, advertising it as a fundraiser, which then gained momentum on other platforms. The convey began on 2022-01-22 in various provinces and is slated to converge on the National Capital Region (NCR) between 2022-01-28 and 2022-01-29.

Event Overview

- The mobilization of convoys commenced on 2022-01-22, across various provinces. Since 2022-01-25, there have been 19 events reported in relation to the Freedom Convoy, with the greatest activity seen in Ontario, Saskatchewan and Newfoundland. We continue to track the convoy as it's making it's way to Ottawa.
- Significant funds continue to be raised via a Go Fund Me Campaign, as of 2022-01-27, funds total \$6 M.
- According to the OPP, as of 2022-01-26 at 1600hrs, there are 471 vehicles in the convoy.
- OPP continues to track 11 different convoys currently converging in the province of Ontario and are estimating that they will arrive in the NCR on 2022-01-28 at 1530hrs.
- There are indications that some US trucks will be making an attempt to cross the border to participate in this demonstrations. CBSA has been engaged, given social media posts suggesting that convoys from the US will be crossing the border to support, and have advised that they have not seen much traction. Ongoing liaisons with CBSA will continue through until the end of the weekend.
- The details surrounding the demonstrations expected once all convoys converge on the NCR on 2021-01-29 remain unclear. The route details converge on Parliament Hill. It is unknown at this time if the group will

remain on the Hill for the duration of the demonstration or if this will extend to other protected sites. Significant disruptions are expected.

- The organizing group has not made any mention of attending other locations, however, Open Source has identified multiple social media posts indicating that other groups might attempt to cause disruptions at various protected sites in the area (ie.24 Sussex, Rideau Hall and Harrington Lake).
- SQ is advising that almost 4500 people may be attending the downtown core on 2022-01-29, with 1900 people already protesting in Gatineau. They have also advised that the eastern organizers of the convoy have indicated that approximately 400 vehicles will cross over the Quebec- Ontario boarder.
- OPS has advised that, in addition to the larger demonstration in the downtown core, organizers are planning additional events on 2022-01-29 and 2022-01-30 in Confederation Park, which will serve as the home base for some participants. This includes the installation of tents, food vendors (2 trucks) and a BBQ in the Park. Public Speakers are being organized for 1100hrs on 2022-01-29 and a church service is being planned for the same time on 2022-01-30.
- While the event organizers have repeatedly stated that this will be a peaceful event, given it's size, its likely organizers will be unable to control the actions of participants.
- Open Source has identified indications that other activist and hate groups plan on participating in the demonstration, with some online chatter inciting violence and making references to the situations in Belgium and Capitol Hill.

Operational Planning

- Given the multi jurisdictional impacts of this large scale demonstration on the NCR, all key stakeholders (RCMP, OPP, OPS, PPS, SQ, MRC des Collines, the City of Ottawa, Ville de Gatineau, SPVG) are actively planning and collaborating to ensure public safety.
- The Parliamentary Protective Service (PPS) is the planning lead for the Parliamentary Precinct and the grounds of Parliament Hill, the Ottawa Police Service (OPS) is leading the planning for the National Capital Region and National Division is planning in support of our protective mandate and working to ensure that we support our law enforcement partners in the region with any specialized support services required.
- Intersect is engaged and meeting regularly.
- PPS has requested that PSPC cease all construction on the grounds of Parliament Hill and is working with the City of Ottawa/OC Transpo to explore the availability of public transportation (O Train) in the event that resources need redeployed throughout the Precinct.
- The Office of the Secretary of the GG and NCC have confirmed that they will close the grounds of Rideau Hall on 2022-01-29

- PPS will be hosting a meeting with PCO, PSPC, OPS and RCMP to ensure full coordination within the Parliamentary Precinct. The Corporate Security directorates in the Senate and the House of Commons are fully briefed and no concerns have been raised relative to the overall plans.
- Ottawa Police has signaled that preventative road closures will be affected in the downtown core, additional details to follow on these closures.
- The RCMP's National Capital Region Command Centre (NCRCC) will be activated as of 08:00 on 2022-01-28, scaling up to a full activation for 2022-01-29. The RCMP have communication resources working out of this command center. COVID 19 protocols are in place at the NCRCC; in addition to an ample supply of PPE, contact tracing protocols, social distancing and decontamination equipment, the ability to deploy voluntary Rapid Testing exists and is being discussed.
- All key internal and external stakeholders will have a presence in the Regional Command Centre to ensure ongoing communication and collaboration. While the NCRCC will also serve as the area command centre for the RCMP, forward command centres are being stood up at alternate locations by OPS and PPS with direct linkages into the NCRCC.
- Various RCMP assets (ground and air) are being deployed and stationed to assist in providing situational awareness as the convoy converges on the NCR and to supplement protective posture, in the event that an evacuation is required at one of our protected sites. Assistance from DND is also being sought.

Communications

- Communication leads from each agency are actively engaged and collaborating to ensure consistent and accurate messaging.
- OPS Communications will lead messaging associated with the National Capital Region, PPS Communications has the lead for communications relating to the Precinct and the grounds of Parliament Hill and RCMP National Division Communications will lead messaging as it pertains to our protective mandate.
- OPS delivered a briefing to the Ottawa Police Services Board on operational planning in response to the expected convoy. It was covered by various media outlets. Briefing highlighted multi agency collaboration and that planning efforts are well under way. OPS is requesting that residents and visitors to the NCR avoid travel into the downtown core over the weekend.
- OPS issued the following Public Service Announcement at 1620 hrs 2022-01-26 (<https://www.ottawapolice.ca/Modules/News/index.aspx?lang=en&newsId=9d1c61b6-8569-4aec-8481-2f32b7f61780>) advising the public that significant traffic disruptions are to be expected in the NCR this week and that there will be a heightened police and emergency service presences in the downtown core and on major highways and roads.

They're encouraging residents to follow the city's traffic management tool (@Ottawa_Traffic) for real time updates.

- The Sergeant-At-Arms has distributed an email message to MP's with Constituency offices in the NCR, advising them of the potential disruptions and the precautions that can be taken to ensure their safety. It is expected that a similar message will be distributed to all Parliamentarians and Parliamentary employees.
- Steps have been taken with OPS to convene a virtual press conference should the situation arise. Spokes for the RCMP would include the Commanding Officer for National Division, A/Commr Ches Parsons
- RCMP Media Relations Officers (MROs) are scheduled to field media calls before, during and after the protest.
- RCMP National Division Media Relations has responded to media requests from numerous media outlets, including the Globe & Mail, CBC, and Le Droit. Significant media coverage continues, with over 100 articles pertaining to the 'Freedom Convoy 2022' identified this morning.
- It is our understanding that OPS are planning a media brief tomorrow, 2022-01-28 at 11:30 hrs. Partners have been invited but at this stage, it's expected to be an OPS-only media brief.
- RCMP will be issuing internal messaging to members in the NCR to be on stand by, have their kit in order and to remind them of procedures for handling media requests, etc.
- Proactive social media is planned from all law enforcement partners in the NCS (RCMP, PPS and OPS). Common hashtags are being developed – will share once finalized.
- The RCMP have media lines prepared for a number of topics including the right to peaceful protest, the criminality of blocking bridges, our mandate in protecting the PM and GG, etc). Will share the package once finalized.

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Hi again,

The below note will be shared with Senators and their offices today. Senate staff will also get an email about WFH.



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Freedom Convoy 2022 Demonstrations – National Capital Region

A demonstration, led by Freedom Convoy 2022, is expected to take place in the surrounding areas of Parliament Hill starting on **Friday, January 28**.

News outlets have indicated that demonstrations may also take place at Members' constituency offices or residences within the National Capital Region. Solicitations were issued to the online community for MP residential address' in the Ottawa-Gatineau area. This is known as doxing. Doxing is the process of finding and publishing personal information about a particular individual on the internet, usually with malicious intent. Most social media platforms (notably Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, LinkedIn) make doxing against their Terms of Service/Community Guidelines and will remove it when identified/reported.

Best practices

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of security best practices, should a demonstration arise at your constituency office or at your residence.

- Do not get involved and go somewhere safe.
- Avoid physical altercations, even if provoked.
- Close and lock all exterior doors.
- Advise the local authorities of any demonstration and, once it is safe to do so, notify the Office of the Sergeant-at-Arms and Corporate Security (SAA-CS) at 613-995-4777, as the situation could have an impact on Parliament Hill or other constituency offices.
- Refrain from posting anything related to the demonstration on social media.
- If the situation becomes volatile and your security is at risk, call 911 and consider evacuating your location.

Situation monitoring

Rest assured that our security partners, including the RCMP, the local police and the Parliamentary Protective Service (PPS), will be monitoring the situation closely. As a reminder, any individual or group of individuals who do not hinder vehicular traffic or trespass on your property have the right to demonstrate. However, should the situation escalate, the police will take action.

Security resources

For more information on emergency procedures, please consult the [Emergency Procedures Constituency Offices guide and the Emergency Procedures and Safeguards for the Parliamentary Precinct](#).

If you have any questions, please contact the SAA-CS at INFO.SAA@parl.gc.ca or at 613-995-4777.

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Manifestations du Convoi pour la liberté 2022 – région de la capitale nationale

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Sharing an update from the RCMP via the OPP:

A passenger vehicle came up behind one of the convoys on the 401, west of London and collided with a truck at the rear of the convoy. At least two transported with life-threatening injuries.

Ambulances were obstructed as demonstrators were blocking all 401 lanes in the area.

401 closed due to the accident and people are blaming the government for the road closure.

This is OPP jurisdiction therefore they are the Spokes. Will keep you posted as needed.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 26, 2022, at 7:41 PM, Power, Mary-Liz <Mary-Liz.Power@pmo-cpm.gc.ca> wrote:

Also sharing the first iteration of the GOC written update:

New information in bold

The following relates to a planned peaceful demonstration in Ottawa on 28-29 Jan. The Government Operations Centre (GOC) is monitoring the potential to affect Critical Infrastructure (CI) including Federal assets.

Overview:

- Effective 15 Jan, COVID-19 vaccination became mandatory for all truckers entering Canada from the United States to avoid a two-week quarantine and a negative COVID-19 test before arrival.
- Similarly, beginning on 22 Jan, U.S. DHS began requiring non-U.S. individuals seeking to enter the United States via land ports of entry and ferry terminals at the U.S.- Mexico and U.S.- Canada borders to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and provide related proof of vaccination, as COVID-19 cases continue to rise nationwide. These new restrictions will apply to non-U.S. individuals who are traveling for both essential and non-essential reasons. They will not apply to U.S. citizens, Lawful Permanent Residents, or U.S. nationals.” [Link](#)

Key Points:

- A number of Canadian truckers have planned a massive convoy with hopes of ending the mandatory vaccine mandate for truckers.
- Trucking convoys from across the country are planning to gather in Ottawa on 28-29 Jan to demonstrate against this requirement.
- Members of the national group, Freedom Convoy 2022 are planning to conduct “slow roll” convoys at provincial and Canada/U.S. border crossing over the next two weekends. A spokesperson for the group indicates that such convoys will continue so long as government imposed COVID-19 mandates and restrictions continue. [Link](#)
 - o The NB chapter of the group is planning one such convoy at the Woodstock, NB / Houlton, ME border beginning at approximately 11:00 EST on 29 Jan and will continue for the majority of the day, with convoys on both sides of the border.
 - o Additional convoys are planned at the NB/NS and several NB/QC borders on 29 Jan
 - o Convoy in Sarnia ON, commenced 23 Jan consisting of mostly passenger vehicles on the 402 West leading up to the Blue Water Bridge crossing.

- o Convoy in Windsor ON, on 23 Jan, to begin driving a circuit leading up to the Ambassador Bridge crossing. This will continue until 27 Jan when the convoy will depart for Ottawa.
- o Eastern convoys bound for Ottawa will depart: St. Johns NL, P.E.I, Enfield NS on 27 Jan.
- o Southern convoys bound for Ottawa will depart: Windsor and Sarnia on 27 Jan.
- o **The western convoy originating from BC passed through Dryden destined for Thunder Bay for the night. [Link](#)**
 - § According to Regina Police Service, an estimated 1,200 semi-trucks were seen driving through. [Link](#)
- o The three convoys plan to meet in Ottawa on 29 Jan.
- Contacts for routes and timelines can be found on the organizations website: [Link](#)
- Canadian Truck Alliance (CTA) released a statement saying it does not support any protests on public roadways, highways, and bridges. [Link](#)
 - o The Atlantic Canadian Trucking Association is adding its voice to calls, denouncing the trucking convoy headed for Ottawa.
- As reported on Open Sources, CTA states that as many as 32,000 or 20% of CAN/US cross border truck drivers may be impacted by the vaccine mandate. [Link](#)
 - o 25 Jan: 26,000 of the 160,000 drivers (Canadians and Americans) who make regular Canada-United-States trips will likely be sidelined as a result of the vaccine mandate in both countries.
- News of the Freedom Convoy 2022 has hit international media as seen on [Reuters](#)
- PM Justin Trudeau announced that close to 90% of Canadian Truckers are already vaccinated and will therefore not be impacted by the new restrictions. [Link](#)
 - o Some truckers oppose the mandates, commenting on the restriction on their freedom as well as the predicted effects on the supply chain. [Link](#)
- **Minister Alghabra has said there has been no measurable reduction in the number of trucks crossing the border each day.**

- Conservative Leader Erin O'Toole, has commented on options for rapid tests at the border for unvaccinated drivers to avoid disrupting the flow of goods at a time of high inflation. [Link](#)
- AB PM Jason Kenney signaled he was working with U.S. governors on a letter to pressure President Joe Biden and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to reverse the order. [Link](#)
- In AB, those who cannot go to Ottawa are being encouraged to block the Coutts border, most likely on 28-29 Jan, and not move until the demands in Ottawa are met. (Source: comments on the Freedom Convoy 2020 Facebook page.)
- According to Open Sources, Freedom Convoy 2022, has raised over \$5.3 million in fundraising in support of their cause. [Link](#)
 - o However, GoFundMe has temporarily frozen the funds, stating that they require the fundraisers "be transparent about the flow of funds and have a clear plan for how those funds will be spent." [Link](#)
 - o The group stated that the money raised is to help truckers pay for fuel, lodging and food, and will be distributed "following a strict procedure,". They also stated that "Drivers must register, check in with their respective road captains and submit receipts to be reimbursed," and that "all remaining funds will be donated to a Veterans Association in Canada. There is a lawyer and accountant overseeing this." [Link](#)
- **As part of the protest, Canada Unity plans to present a request (MOU) to the Governor General and Senate for the removal of various COVID19 related Public Health Order restrictions.**
- **Some supporters suggested they would not leave Ottawa until vaccine mandates for public servants, Canadian travelers and cross-border truckers are lifted.**
- **The Parliamentary Protective Service, who are responsible for security on Parliament Hill, told Global News they are aware of the protest plans and are coordinating with other security agencies.**
- **OPP has said that it is working with those involved to minimize the impact to the public and ensure public safety. OPP is also advising the public that "protest activities may interrupt the normal flow of traffic" [Link](#)**
- **Ottawa police now preparing for multiple groups coming to Ottawa with planning underway for a range of risks including counter-demonstrations, blocking of intersections, interfering with critical**

infrastructure, and unlawful activity. Ottawa police have also reported a direct threat from a counter-protest source. [Link](#)

- **Freedom Convoy 2022 organizer says the group won't tolerate extremists and instructed participants "If you see participants along the way that are misbehaving, acting aggressively in any way or inciting any type of violence or hatred, please take down the truck number and their license plate number so that we can forward that to the police," in response to fringe groups/people calling for destructive action.** [Link](#)
- **A joint communication strategy is being developed by the City of Ottawa to ensure the public is informed of traffic and transit plans throughout the demonstration.**

Assessment: (derived from information available on open sources) for the 28-29 Jan Demonstration in Ottawa:

- Trucking convoys driving slowly on highways could cause travel delays for commercial or personal vehicles on major highways.
- The trucking convoys gathering in Ottawa could severely impact the travel of commercial and personal vehicles within the City.
- Ottawa Police, the OPP and the RCMP as well as the City of Ottawa, are aware of and are coordinating a response to the progress of the various convoys.
- Since most government employees are working remotely, the disruption to government activities is expected to be minor.
- **OP INTERSECT is indicating that this will be a significant and extremely fluid event that could go on for a prolonged period.**
- **Organizers of the protest have expressed the intent for a peaceful event, which is consistent with what has been seen in other areas where the convoy has stopped so far.**

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Hi there,
Sharing the latest from this evening's update. Please let me know if there are any questions.

Summary:

Zita asked that more coordination take place on communications between levels of government and within the federal government's agencies. At this time, national security agencies have not changed their threat level, but there is anxiety in the federal family on what is coming this weekend. GOC will be providing written, unclassified updates on the convoy which we should be receiving soon.

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Truckers/Convoy Protest Update
Developments of the day

- 4 lanes of work ongoing at the moment.
 - o Communications: media, internal, public and social media spaces.
 - o Ministerial Security: 18 will be in town on Monday.
 - § Sergeant at arms – note to NCR
 - o Peaceful, Non-threat event to take place: planning going around there.
 - o National Security lane – if something goes bad, what happens.

National Security:

- Assessment from a threat perspective has not changed on law enforcement side.
- Liaison officers working with convoy are getting good results – organizers are cooperating.
- CSIS are monitoring their target set – largely the IMVE space. Picking up some rhetoric, people in the spaces that are anti-government. Not mobilizing to violence.
- Organizers of the convoy are aware of “undesirables” and in some cases have kicked them out.

- ITAC: have release on TS network a document looking at IMVE space, not seeing anything yet.

Non-Threat

- Sergeant at Arms, PPS, local police, RCMP, still saying peaceful event, no indications otherwise.
- US nexus: people looking into it, from the enforcement agencies including CBSA, American citizens (Trump Jr, etc) not on anyone's radar in a negative way.
- PPS: integrated into intersect team. Crisis cell for NCR stood up. Commanders in place, working through final operational plans.
 - o Picture is still developing for them, but they seem to have comfort with where they're at, preparing for worst case scenario.
- OC transpo – bus lanes for emergency vehicles.
- PSPC – shut down construction along wellington for Sat/Sunday to remove workers from the area, in the interest of lower congestion
- SAA: document to MPs in NCR, reminded them of security measures. Will send a similar messages to all MPs tomorrow. Have relied on open source information teams, monitoring the open/online space. Work with RCMP.
- OPS: lead in Ottawa. PPS: lead on parliamentary precinct. SAA: inside. RCMP: close protection.
- Operational plans are in place. Tomorrow is the penultimate intersect meeting – following that, mobilize out.
- RCMP attempting to identify 18 ministers who are in town on Monday, want to pre-brief them.
- CSIS regional offices, not monitoring the convoy (illegal) but attuned to threat factors.
- Minister Alghabra planning to come to Ottawa on Sunday. Has RCMP package (level 2), having conversations around that, wants to attend a supply chain conference. Protective detail working with him.

- Number of participants still not known. Planning for a range of risks, planning in the instance of counter demonstrations.
 - o This was the subject of some conversation leading to the request for further coordination. Chief Sloy today said 1-2000 people.

Will likely know total # approx on Friday.

- RCMP assessing her protective posture, contingency plans for extrication – they’ll make the tactical decision about how to ramp up her protection.
- Reaching out to the senate to understand what their plans are for senators & protection.

Z: concerned that we don’t know how many people will be on the hill.

- People are rallying others (famous Americans). Not insignificant foreign entities – advocating for unrest.
- How to tighten up communications? Good to know what’s coming from Sloy rather than learning about it from him speaking.
- Minister Blair wants an update tomorrow. He feels there are a lot of conversations happening, wants to know what they are and understand specifics.
- Ministers in town – security and lack of resources. Can share a list of which Minister are in town.
 - o Can’t tell Ministers they can’t leave their house.
- Need to create a succinct way to update colleagues.

How does information from Intersect get to PMO/people advising ministers?

- Information that would come through the GOC.

Communications

- Helpful for us to all be on the same page. PCO will reach out to folks to coordinate – Any public #s should come through Intersect.
- Who is the lead from the federal government? TBD

Consolidated update – when will that start? GOC started today, doesn't contain anything that is classified.

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The Sergeant at Arms will be sending this out to all Ottawa/Gatineau area MPs from his mailbox to their personal mailboxes, office mailbox and his staff will follow-up with a phone call to make sure they received:



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Freedom Convoy 2022 Demonstrations – National Capital Region

A demonstration, led by Freedom Convoy 2022, is expected to take place in the surrounding areas of Parliament Hill starting on **Saturday, January 29**. News outlets have indicated that demonstrations may also take place at Members' constituency offices or residences within the National Capital Region.

Best practices

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of security best practices, should a demonstration arise at your constituency office or at your residence.

- Do not get involved and go somewhere safe.

- Avoid physical altercations, even if provoked.
- Close and lock all exterior doors.
- Advise the local authorities of any demonstration and, once it is safe to do so, notify the Office of the Sergeant-at-Arms and Corporate Security (SAA-CS) at 613-995-4777, as the situation could have an impact on Parliament Hill or other constituency offices.
- Refrain from posting anything related to the demonstration on social media.
- If the situation becomes volatile and your security is at risk, call 911 and consider evacuating your location.

Situation monitoring

Rest assured that our security partners, including the RCMP, the local police and the Parliamentary Protective Service (PPS), will be monitoring the situation closely. As a reminder, any individual or group of individuals who do not hinder vehicular traffic or trespass on your property have the right to demonstrate. However, should the situation escalate, the police will respond accordingly.

Security resources

For more information on emergency procedures, please consult the [Emergency Procedures – Constituency Offices guide and the Emergency Procedures and Safeguards for the Parliamentary Precinct](#).

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Marjorie – probably worth sending a note to PMO staff and/or Chiefs by the end of the week to avoid downtown offices.

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Hi there,
Flagging that during today's Ottawa Police Services Board Meeting, the chair (Diane Deans) asked people to avoid downtown Ottawa this weekend because of the trucker convoy. Ottawa Police Chief Peter Sloly noted truckers could arrive as early as Thursday and the protests could continue through the weekend.

When asked to estimate the number of people police believe they'll see on the streets this weekend, they provided an early estimate of 1000-2000. However, they noted this number would be firmed up within 24hrs. The meeting is ongoing, so I'll ensure to provide any additional updates as they become available.

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Please see below for a readout of today's meeting with PCO officials on the trucker convoy and security concerns. Please let me know if there are any questions.

Key points:

Convoy seems to be looking at a series of demonstrations around Ottawa – in front of the CBC building, parliament hill, in front of the senate on wellington street, 24 Sussex.

At this stage, this is a local law enforcement issue. CSIS has indicated there is no terrorist threat at this time. No information that necessitates changing the change threat level. No indications of violence around the convoy. Not identifying any IMVE links at this time.

Starting tomorrow, GOC will build a more comprehensive daily brief. They are working on how they will feed security and intelligence related issues, criminal threats to the political level. Federal family has already been activated, and since last year's insurrection conducted 3 readiness exercises in case a similar event were to occur here.

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Mike Macdonald

- Latest lay of the land – security, coordination, NS apparatus- what do we know?
 - o Law enforcement across the country is learning more about the convoy and its organizers as they interact with them. 3 bits to the convoy – west, southern

Ontario/central, eastern. Different provincial police interacting with them, working and sharing with each other as convoy tries to converge in Ottawa midday on the 29th.

- o Actively monitoring – one thing they’re picking up on is chatter on social media. So far, RCMP telling us that the convoy itself is peaceful, not causing problems along the way. Their goal is to get to Ottawa, not have infractions along the way.
- o Very small online chatter. That’s where people are using disturbing language.
- o Convoy looking at a series of demonstrations around Ottawa – CBC, wellington street, 24 Sussex.
- o Parliamentary hill security is complex – key is an organization that gets struck up called intersect. This is the governance body that is the strategic law enforcement first responder body in Ottawa that will make decisions around these concerns.

§ This is a local law enforcement issue at this stage.

§ Ottawa Police, CSIS, DND, SQ, OPP, PPS, Gatineau police, city of Ottawa emergency management, Gatineau, Ottawa paramedics, fire, RCMP.

- o Following Jan 6 events last year, NSIA worked with PPS, RCMP and sergeant at arms for a scenario planning for regular protests, pushed boundaries and plan out for things like an insurrection. This has been done.

§ Ottawa police and PPS have an MOU, have done exercises for these types of protests (3).

- o On the federal side, we have governance in place that is up & running. ADM national security operations center. Meeting every day to ensure all parts of federal family are coordinated in efforts, and can feed information through.

- CSIS – no terrorist threat at this time. No threat information to change threat level. No indications of violence around the convoy. Not identifying any IMVE links at this time.
- Starting tomorrow, GOC will build a more comprehensive daily brief. Security and intelligence related issues, intelligence or criminal threats, that's a lane we will feed into PMO somehow.
- Key will be tomorrow's intersect meeting – law enforcement groups will pre-mobilize their resources.
 - o RCMP has already activated their resources. Should have a readout by EOD tomorrow.

Questions?

- Z: curious to know how feed into political level. From our perspective, feel assured having worked in the space of all the work being done, but ministers feeling uneasy and keen on details.

Ken: intersect, RCMP, Ottawa police. Tactical piece will come from that level, no ministerial involvement. Work through triggers for ministerial involvement,

- Sam: good to get publications from RCMP/PPS about protests, non-operational pieces in advance.

Group will reconvene tomorrow at the same time. Any urgent info required before PM presser will be routed quickly to PMO.

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